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TRANSLATE OF A PHIRMAUND WEE DESIRE[FROM THE] KING OF GOLCONDAH, CONCERNING COYNING RUP[EES] AT CHINAPATNAM.

A Phirmaund granted by us the Allampana of Golcondah in the year 168½ on the day of [*lacuna in the original*] to the Right Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esqr. Agent and Govern^{r}: & Capt: Mor &c^{a} Councell and their Successors for the English Nation in ffort S^{t}:George at Chinapatnam.

Seeing you did send to entreat us by the means of your Higib Nellor Vira Ragavaya to obtaine our licence for Coyning Silver into Rupies at Chinapatnam, w^{ch}: according to your request wee doe hereby grant you this our Phirmaund and licence freely to Coyne full Rupees, and halves quarters and Eights of Rupees, to their full worth and vallue as those which are coyned at Golcondah and that they shall pass in all our Kingdom and Dominion as well and none of our Divans Tarrafd^{rs}: Avaldars or any other Officers whatsoever under our Governm^{t}: shall ever offer to interrupt or hinder the English from doeing the same, for if any of them should offer to doe any thing Contrary to this our Phirmaund and Pleasure, they shall be severly punished, So the English may trust unto this our Phirmaund, & goe on wth: the said Business with a Contented heart.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

MADAPOLLAM Y^{E}: 10TH: XBER 168[1].
REC^{D}: 8TH: JAN^{RY}: 16[81/2].

Right Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

Wee have received yours of the 21th: 9^{ber} y^{e}: 5th: x^{ber}: accompaned with your Commissions and Instructions directed to M^{r}: John Bigrig wherein you are pleased to enorder that wee give him our Assistance, for the forwarding the Honble: Comp^{as}: Affaires, to which wee have readily complyed and [. . .] in all [things] relateing [there unto] as far as wee are able.

[. . . Comman]der Capt James Coo[k . . .]

Ordinary Callicoes as ℘ inclosed Invoice and Bill of Ladeing the reason why wee have not laden his proportion of fine goods was occasioned by the Governour of Dacherome's impeading a considerable quantity to whome wee have wrote Severall Letters to noe effect, therefore have thought it the best expedient to forward a present towards him, hopeing thereby to obtaine their release, being now noe Address to be made to the head Govr: he being now gone for Golcondah and what small matters from other Parts so inconsiderable as not thought fit to detaine him for, Right Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}; Your most humble Serv^{ts}: JN^{o}: DAVIS.—SAM^{LL}: WALES.—GEORGE RAMSDEN.—JAMES WHEELER.

To the Rt: Worspll: William Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Governr: & Councill.

Metchlepa: ye: 20th: Decembr: 1681.
Recd: Janry: 8th: 168½.

Right Worpll: Sr &ca:

Wee have now before us five of yours of the 27: Octobr: 11 & 19: 21: & 28: Novembr: last, to all which wee Shall now Reply.

Wee await your orders for Settling our Expences in this Factory and have now sent you the Perticulars of charges Extraordinary for August and September, that in the Steward's Accot: for October being a mistake and should have been accot: Presents for what sent the Cirkeel, who has returned a civill answear, wee have also recd: a Lre from the Compas: Brameny Egib in Golcondah directly [to] the Agent which wee send herewith. [you will … is … the 14th: wee have] been forced to entertain more Peons for halfe a month, [and] had before being employed either abroad or in the Factory, & want of more, till some should returne from whence they [were] sent, (whereof tenn were then sent to you,) off whome wee immediately found the benefitt the next night about 10 a.m. happening a fire wch: by the [freshness] of the winds threatned the Towne, & Factory that was happily quenched, the tide that night being so high that it came into the Towne, and all about to the barr towne and Goodra was under water, the Dutch with what of us assisting, the violence of the flames was in a little time well allayed, with the loss of five People wch: were burnt to Death.

Wee are Glad you approve of our Proceedings in the Provision of Sailecloth and disposall of Broadcloth, wee have some day since sold more tenn halfe Peeces. Butt now the merchants declare the Price falls, wherefore desire to know your Pleasure whether wee shall Sell at a less Price, which in our Opinions will be better then to lett it lye for the wormes wth: which Vermine some of last years cloth notwithstanding all the care has been used, is much damaged, however wee shall try according to yor: direction to putt it off to our Merchants for time, which wee might probably the better doe, were it not for the troubles threatning Golcondah.

With our last of the 3d: & 9th: Novembr: wee sent you Mr: Ayloff[s] Papers, with an accot: what wee had done in Mr: Fleetwoods accot: and shall observe the honble: Compas: and your Instructions concerning Diamonds as not to be guilty of breach of Order, as also to prevent other Private Traders therein, if any such comes to our knowledge.

You will Perceive by our accot: Cash wee have encreased the Investment of Saile cloth which if approved off by the Honble: Compa: wee have our reward.

By the Cæsar wee sent an accot: of our Tonnage to ye: Bay amounting to 120: Tonns wch: wee have since encreased but that was all wee were [aware] of at that time.

Wee have no Bengall Pattamars, wee dispatched yours wch: came to us the 30th: Ulto: at Night giveing them their usuall Batty and engageing them to reach there in 25: dayes.

Wee herewith send you our Consultations Dyary and Acct: Cash, with Timothy Harris' Acct: Expences for the Mo: of November.

According to your order wee give all respect to Mr: Bigrig who arrived here the 16: Currt: at night and have been assistant to him in what lyes in our Power whose Comission was read in Councell the 19th: Current.

Our Acct: of Cash at the end of October last was but 3,948 pa: 30 fa: 4 ca: wherefore there is a mistake of 5,000: Pagds: and wee thought wee did the Compa: emminent Service in wt: wee did as to the Maddapollam Silver and could Say much in the buisness but shall desist from Disputes, wee have sent already to Maddapollam 22,000: Pagds: altho Six Chests lyes still in the Factory wherefore onley request that since thereby wee have heightned the price, wee may not loose the Interest of the money wee have taken up thereupon, and as for breach of order wee doe presume to assure you wee did it out of Ignorance those Orders being not in this Factory wch: made us not make use of what money the Compa: had in Cash as

esteeming wee ought not to buy Silver on their acco^{t}: what wee have sold is at 5 Pag^{ds} : $\frac{13}{16}$ ꝑ Seir at $\overset{oz}{8}:\overset{dwt}{18}:\overset{gr}{18}:$ ꝑ Seer whereas the Maddapollam Merchants would not take it under $\overset{oz.}{9}:$ so that what Sold is as much as they at last could gett and more if wee had not appear'd in it and present money they wanted. Your Orders concerning the next years Investment shall be followed.

Wee have been as carefull as Possible in measuring and sorting of our cloth, but for building a Sorting Place [. . .] the Governour here will not permitt us to build with Brick and Timber, workemen &c^{a}: [dear . .] at Maddapollam wee cannot expect to build it at less charge then that tho a less place and yet the occasion the same here as there it being to Sort in and to Bale under in the Raines and not a Godowne for Bales.

The Govern^{r}: haveing declared formerly that he refer'd the taking the 250: Pag^{ds}: till he had the Kings Present and not demanding any such thing as the Receipt makes us beleive it is Saved, and that he accepts the 300 : by us given to him as usuall for all, but if he does againe demand it wee cannot help it.

As to M^{r}: Fleetwoods Acc^{t}: wee can say no more to it then formerly having done what wee can therein and hope the Accomptant is Sattisfyed, the Accompts as they stand in our Bookes and Madapollam wee shall send you by the next ship and have sent the Accomptants Paper to Madapollam for their Perusall there, the Errors in Accompts shall be rectified as you enorder.

Here is no Inventory of any thing of M^{r}: Ayloffs nor any other Acco^{t}: of his Estate then in the Bookes wth: you.

Wee know of no Europe Goods vendible here but Lead and Broadcloth, Looking Glasses and some Toyes are good for Presents but not otherwise.

According to the Instructions given M^{r}: Bigrig in his Comission he proposed the Allowance of Dyett of 4 : & 5 : Pag^{ds}: w^{ch}: considering the Authority it bears from your Worsp̃ : &c^{a} : wee obediently Submitted, but wee hope our reasons to be given agst: it will merrit your Approvall and Observation.

First that our Expences here have of late [. . .] been so inconsiderable [to any] former Practice [. .] Table has not amounted to little more then 30 : Pag^{ds}: when our freinds at Madapollam came to double so much therefore wee hope their Stinting now will be no President for us considering they are all married, and wee single from whence may arise many more inconveniencies (the Discreditt to the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: not being the least amongst the Natives and Dutch here) and expose us all to a Seperation from one anothers Society none here being willing to pay the Extraordinary Expences of Dyett which will now be the certain consequence if wee keepe a Grãll Table, nor doe wee suppose you intend the Allowance of Servants Wages should be included in this since wee humbly conceive y^{t}: the Councell with you are allowed that besides the other Allowances for Dyett, which is now what at Present wee now offer and hope Sufficient to merritt your Approbation. Onely one thing more wee have to add which is concerning the Doctor who serves in Factoryes and hath a Servant something understanding in Physick whome he leaves here when himselfe goes to Madapollam, to assist upon any present Occasion which he entreates you to allow of, Since he must be included in the Doctors Dyett money, he Saith he must discharge him being not able to keepe him on that acco^{t}: wee also desire you to consider the Expence the Cheife must be at above others.

The Golden ffleece arrived here the 11th: Instant at night and wee have been forced to keepe her thus long for Goods w^{ch}: comes in late, wee have now laden on her 202 : Bales as ꝑInvoice, and had dispatched her a day sooner, could wee have had the Liberty as formerly to Shipp off our Goods after Night which the Governor will not now permitt us, & dayly [. . .] our Priviledges. Wee have not more to add but respectfully remaine, Right Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}: Your very humble Servants John Field—Vincent Sayon—Robert Freeman—Timothy Harris.

Metchlep^{A} : y^{E} : 23TH : Decemb^{R} : 1681.

Wee are in great want of Inck.

CAPT: JAMES COOKE   METCHLEPATAM THE 24TH: DECEMBR · 1681.

Sr:

Having Laden on Board your Ship Golden ffleece all such Goods and Merchandize as wee have ready for accot: of the Honoble: English East India Compa: wee doe require you upon Sight hereof to repaire on board yor: said Ship and with the first oppertunity of Wind and Weather to weigh Anchor and to bend your course for the Speediest attaineing of the Port of Fort St: George Madraspatã: and when it shall please God to arrive you there wee further recommend to your care the delivery of our Packett to the Right Worspll: William Gyfford Esqr: Agent & Governr: of the said ffort to whose Orders and Directions wee further referr you. So wishing you a Safe voyadge wee remaine,

Sr: Your affectionate Freinds

Vera Copia
JOHN GODDARD.

JOHN BIGRIG—JOHN FIELD—VINCENT SAYON—ROBERT FREEMAN—TIMo: [HARRIS.]

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR EGYB VIRARAGAVIA FROM GOLCONDAH TO THE RT: WORSPLL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR: GOVR:

NO DATE
RECD: 9TH: JANUARY 168½

I recd: a Lr̃e from your Cheife at Metchlepa: wherein he writes me that there being comeing some Goods from Mungala Guerre and Yienta Pollam belonging to the English at Metchlepa: the Divans Tarrofdar named Hussan Beg his People did stop them at a Towne named Palvectee Demanding Junckan for the same, wherefore order'd me to procure a Rocca from Said Hussan Beg, he being here I did accordingly discourse with Braminee Maddana, and gott him to order the said Tarrofdar to give a Rocca concerning the above said which have now sent herewth: for Metchlepa: and thought to acquaint your Worsp̃: therewith, as for others matters have already acquainted your Worsp̃: by my Lr̃e: sent you by a Maldar to Chinnapatam.

ON OUR RETURN HOME
2 MILES FROM TRINOMELEE
JANRY: 9TH: 168½
RECD: 11: Do:

TO THE RT: WORPLL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVR: &CA: COUNCELL.

Sirs

Notwithstanding our past disencouragements, I thanck God I have effected our buisness well beyound expectation with this Wellcome and strange remarke (considering ye: Circumstances and People I treated with) I preserved the Honble: Compas: honour, and their money too; which you will easily beleive was a difficulty that Sufficiently racked my [witts] and Patience, and I am sure is an Event far beyond your hopes or [prospect] considering how deepely wee were engaged before my undertaking it, and long after by Gopall Punditts importunate demands, as I advised you; who by Arguments [Prompts] and Perswasions, I have reduced to Reason, and I thinke to Freindshipp; having here been active for us: Wee have had many hott disputes about the severall Articles of our Cowle, some of wch: are denyed, and others more materiall granted, as a Settlement and Trade at Porto Novo, Cuddooloor and Conimeroo, wch: before was onely limitted

to Cudaloor, (then the maine our Customes) are much lower to our Merchants, viz[t] : at Coonimeed one ℘C[t]:, at Cudaloor one, and three Eights; and at Porto Novo two, and one eight which together is one and a half ℘ Cent, free from other Petty troublesome Customes to Talliars, Cancoplies and Pagothaes; Wee were courteously treated by Harjee Raja, and had fared much better but for his wicked Braminee Councell. Thus much I thought necessary to acquaint your Worsp : of our Success, w[ch] : makes me bold to mind you of your promised honour of meeting us at the Hon[ble]: Comp[as] : new Garden, where wee hope to kiss your hands by five of the clock on Wednesday evening.

Right Worp[ll] : Sir &c[a]
Your most faithfull Obed[t]: Serv[t] :
ELIHU YALE.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM GOPALL DARGEE PANTULO THE SOBIDAR OF PORTO NOVO, TO THE RIGHT WORSP[LL] : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] : GOVERNOUR.

DATED THE 12 : JANU[RY]:
REC[D] : D[o]: 16TH: 1681/2

I enjoy here good health wishing to heare the like from yo[r] : Worp : I rec[d] : yo[r] : letter and observ'd the Contents thereof you write me therein that if wee would give you a Cowle to come and Settle at the Sea Ports called Islambad and Coonimeed you would send thither and encrease the Places. You writt to me about this and some other affairs Saying I should understand it further by one of your Councell M[r] : Yale when he should acquaint me therewith who you did accordingly send with your desires, I have carryed M[r] : Yale to Harjee Raja and have also procured a Cowle which is sent, having also given M[r] : Yale Tasheriffs, & dispath't him, likewise Tasheriffs are sent to your Worp :, your Worp must endeavour to augment the Divan's Profitt as much as in you lyes and encrease the Place, you must not delay therein and his Exc[y] : Harjee Raja hath sent you a Lre : concerning the same, as for other matters I referr yo[r] : Worp : to M[r] : Yale so you need not doubt in any thing whatsoever but encrease the place and remaine without fear endeavouring on yo[r] : Part that the Divan may receive greater and greater benefitts, and remaine in peace since the Cowle was sent, you must not make any delay but to come and encrease the Port, and to send to enquire of my wellfare from time to time. So I omitt enlargeing herein any farther.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM HARGEE RAJA MADIOO THE CHEIFE SUBIDAR FROM TIRUNAMALA, TO THE RIGHT WORP[LL] : WILLIAM GYFFORD GOVERN[R] :

DATED THE 12 : JANUARY 1681/2.
REC[D] : Y[E] : 16TH: D[o] :

I enjoy good health, wishing to heare the like from your Worp : I rec[d] : the Letter you sent me and have observ'd the Contents thereof, you writt me therein that if wee would grant you a Cowle you would come and Settle a Trade at Islambad. You writt to me about this and some other buisness saying that M[r] : Yale should cause me to understand it by acquainting me then to which purpose you may please to remember you writt me, The Subidar Gopall Dargee Pontulo hath been here concerning your Affairs whome you may confide in. Wee having considered all things have granted you a Cowle according to your desires and dispatcht M[r] : Yale from hence from whome you will understand it, therefore doe not doubt in any thing but come and settle at the Sea Port without feare endeavoring on your Part that the Divan may receive greater and greater benefitts, and you remaine in Peace, Wee have now sent you Tasheriffs and tho these are

not fitt for your Worp^s : person yett wee shall send you others hereafter, I omitt enlarging any further at Present.

MADAPOLLAM JANUARY 5TH : 168½

TO THE RIGHT WORPLL : WM : GYFFORD ESQR :
AGENT & GOVERNR : &CA : COUNCELL

Right Worpll : Sir &ca :

Wee have received yours of the 23th : November and 15th : past the former the 12th : past and the latter ye : 24o : Do : to which wee shall give answear.

Wee doubt not now but our merchants will comply fully with their Contract, as to the amount thereof, tho in some perticular Sorts they are likely to fall something short, which must be made up in some other Sorts, the greatest part of our Goods being now received, and hope in few dayes more to compleat the whole.

As touching the Sale of our Silver, the urgency of our occasion for money, to supply the merchants forced us thereto, wch : tho disposed off to our freinds at Metchlepatam, wee suppose it may be the same thing in effect, as if should here, since that the advantage that shall arise on the Sale of it, if any, will redound to the Honble : Compa : being sold ym : for their accot : as will plainely appear by the Coppy of Mr : Freeman's receipt attested, which wee remitt you herewith, well knowing it's contrary to their orders, that any of their Servants should purchase their Commodities for their owne prop̄ : accots :

You are pleased to advise that our Expences in the Mo : of August could not amount soe high with frugallity, and that there are many things brought to charges Generll : and House Moveables, which you wonder wee should find a want off, considering the Factory was neaver discontinued, to which wee answear that tho the Factory was not discontinued, that a great Part of the House Moveables, belonged to perticular Persons, which when deliver'd there was a want of, so that there was a necessity of Supplying the want of some things, and as for charges Grāll : it was [not ?] more then absolutely necessary, for our Journeying from Metchlepatam; which you complaine of to be intolerabley chargeable; considering wee lye but one night by the way it is nothing more then what accustomary, as to Mr : Field and Mr : Wales house Rent at Metchlepatam, it could not well be avoyded, considering that Mr : ffield went thither upon the Compas : buisness, and no lodgeings in ye : Factory for more then those that belong'd to it, without depriving them of their accomodations Mr : Wales removeing out of the Factory after the Ships arrivall, the Pa : 13 : [19fa] charged for an Assistant to coppy out Letters, was paid before our arrivall, which wee shall according to your Order demand, and when received give charges Extraordinary Creditt for the same.

Wee can gather noe Evidence against John Younge tho wee have made enquiry thereinto, and find no Body to appeare against him, whome wee should according to your Order have sent up by the last Ship; but on the 24th : Ulto : at night, he made his escape from the Factory, diligent Search having been made after him, but not yett to be heard off, having dureing his Confinement a Guard of 4 : Peons on him.

Wee observe what you write concerning building A Godowne, that wee cannot doe it to serve our Present Occasions, therefore you would have us make use of houses abroad tileing them, of which wee shall have no occasion this Season, the Golden ffleece arriveing here so timely, carryed away a considerable quantity of our Goodes, wch : wee desire you would please to order to be built against the next Season, for if wee house our Goods abroad there must be a continuall Guard for the Prevention of Theft, which will be a charge, and not so convenient as in the factory.

Wee have acquainted the Merchants that it is your possitive Order that they should take off the Europe Goods, and that wee would allow them 10 : Months time

to provide Callicoes to the Amount thereof, of such sorts as should be required for the next Investm^t^: but wee cannot prevaile with them on no Termes, therefore shall according to your orders send it for Metchlepatam.

Wee find that you have permitted M^r^. Ramsden to repaire to the Fort after the dispatch of the [Last] Ship, and order somebody to take care of his charge in his absence, which wee shall appoint. Wee have forwarded your Orders to Nicholas Colburne for his takeing his passage on the Shipps.

Wee have acquainted the Merchants with your Orders concerning the next years Investment, that the same Sorts, &. quantity of Goods, are required to be provided against that time as was order'd for this Years Investment, and that for what money they should receive before hand, they are to advance 6 ℔ Cent, and bring in the Goods according to contract.

Before the Arrivall of your orders with us directed to y^e^: Commanders, concerning the carrying home of Diamonds Capt: Cooke was dispatched, hence, but wee shall take care to give one to Capt [Goulds] borough whome when it shall please God to arrive with us in Safety shall be speedily dispatched.

John Davis in his Journey to Ellore observed nothing that was materiall to enter in his Dyary which made him omitt it, being enformed that place yeilded little more, then Carpetts and Longcloth, the latter very good in it's kind but no great quantity considerable.

In conformity to your orders of the 21th: November, for our Dyetting our Selves, wherein you are pleased to limitt the Cheife &c^a^: at 5: pag^ds^: ℔ mensem Dyett and Servants wages and the rest at 4: p^a^ : ℔ mensem on which small allowance wee declare wee are not able to Subsist all sorts of Provissions being att double the rate here as at Madrass, Wee presume it is not our Honble Employers meaning to retrench their Charges, in not allowing a competency Sufficient for their Servants Sustenance, which wee humbly offer to your Serious consideration, desiring you will please to allow us the same allowance our Predecessours had, w^ch^: was p^a^: 10: ℔m^o^ : for the Cheife, 8 : p^a^: for the second & 6 : pag^ds^: for the rest of the Councell, besides the allowance of Servants Wages ; The Generall Table was ordered to be continued to the fine Ultimo the Ships being dayly expected here being no conveniency for the Commanders and Men for their Dyett, which of necessity must be at y^e^ : Comp^as^ : Charge during their Stay here, and likewise all entertainements for the Dutch &c^a^ : Strangers and the keeping our Festivall Dayes, w^ch^: wee hope you will not disaprove.

Wee now remitt you our Gen^ll^ : Bookes Letter F : Consultation Book and Stewards Book for England ; Acco^t^ ; Curr^t^: ffort S^t^: George, our Dyary & Consultations, Acc^t^: Cash, and Acco^t^: Expences for the past month, with Coppys of our Letters received and sent, to the last month to which wee desire you will please to be referr'd. The Coppy of our Gen^ll^: Bookes shall follow as soone as Transcribed.

The 4th Instant wee received Letters from M^r^ : John Biggrig and Capt: James Cooke of date the 3^d^ : D^o^ : wherein they advise the Dispatch of the Golden Fleece from Metchlep^a^: the 24th: past being by Calmes and a Strong Current sett away to the Northward, being then 5 miles East off this Rivers mouth, which is the needfull at Present from Right Worp^ll^: Sir &c^a^ : Your most humble Servants Jno : DAVIS—SAM^ll^ : WALES—GEORGE RAMSDEN—JAMES WHEELER.

The reason why the Generall Bookes are sent unbound is, because there is no Booke binder here, & the Booke binder of Metchlepatam is deceased.

Right Worp[ll] : &c[a] : Councell

Wee have received yours of date July above 10: dayes since and have observed the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : large expectations in reference to the Silk and Taffatie Investments from hence. Wee deferr'd it's answer till now hoping to have received y[e]: Musters of the Severall Goods ordered to be provided here which came out of England this Yeare as also the full Stock enordered or somewhat neare it. But the former being not yet received nor have wee any certainty of it's arrivall and the time of the Year growes very Short, and Off the Latter wee have yett but about £ : 24000 : being sent us up in Dollars which yeilds so slow and heavy markett that wee are likely to have but the one halfe of it's amount in one months space, the remainder the other month, and being thus stinted for want of time the Shroffs must of necessity much impose on us. Besides wee are owing at interest R[s]: 118000 : w[ch]: is no small charge monthly whereas if wee had an intented am[o]: it would have produced us more ready money at the rate of receiving the ½ of it in a months time which would have enabled us to have left no oppertunity or bargaine but also to the payment of the money taken up 4 : months since at Interest which runs so deepe but questionless they have need of it in Hughlie else they would not let us have [wanted] that Assistance in a buisness when the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : and your Selves have so pressed them. Wherefore as the Case stands at present, Wee shall be able to provide but the following Goods viz[t] :

Raw Silk about	B[a] :	1200.
Serepow White and Yellow Silk	B[a] :	136.
Floretta Yarne	B[a] :	100.
Fine Taffaties	P[s] :	16000.
Raw Taffaties 2200 : ps :	P[s] :	2200
Europe dyed Taffaties	P[s] :	3500.
Farandines	P[s] :	200.

As wee advised the Cheife and Councell lately of the Bay, which quantity much exceeded what hath gone at time from hence of late Years. And as for the ensuing Year, wee question not (provided wee are supplyed with a Suitable Stock) to provide the full amount of the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : requires from hence w[th] : out which to have it at all times in ready Cash in the Factory it cannot be.

With a hearty Congratulating your Worp[s] : safe arrivall wee committ you and your affairs to the Guidance of the Allmighty and Subscribe, Your Worp[s]: &c[as] : most humble Servants, Job Charnock—Allen Catchpoole—John Threder.

Cassimbazar the 5th : 7[br] : 1681.

Translate of a Letter from Braminee Podula Lyngapa from Congevaraun to the Right Worp[ll]: William Gyfford Esq[r] : Govern[r] :

Without date.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from your Worp : it has been a long time since I heard from you, it is not good to lessen your Love soe towards me, the continuance of which I hope to have for the future alwayes acquainting me with your wellfare.

I have already dispatch'd away all the money I have received form [from] all this Countrey to the Braminees Maddana & Accana, Your Worp : hath not as yett sent the Pago[ds] : 1200 : for this Years Rent. If your Worp : will please to send this yeares rent I will send it up if your Worp : thinkes not fitt to send the Whole years Rent be pleased to send 600 : Pag[ds] : for halfe a Year for it will serve to remedy a great necessity and I shall send it up after the moneys I sent last, having our moneys in your Worp[s] : hands. Wee doe not in the least doubt the payment thereof for wee know You can pay us upon demand, but whereas there

is so much necessity for that money for the present made me now write to your Worp: about it, and the which I hope you will be pleased to consider desiring you to keepe yor: Love towards me and often to acquaint me of yor: health.

BALLASORE ROAD THE 14TH: JAN^{RY}: 168½

TO THE RIGHT WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Just as the Cheife left Hugly thereby what he could to expedite the Dispatch of Ships, came in yours of y^{e}: 17th: 9^{br}: Last. What the Honble: Comp^{as}: Intentions to us may be in respect to the last Yeare Ships loseing their Passage wee can not tell but are certaine wee are not Justly blameable, having done our uttmost and made as great a dispatch as so great a Stock with the little Assistance wee had, in every respect would enable us unto

Wee have given Strict Orders to those Factoryes that were backward in Sending their acco^{t}: Currant to us [*Two lines lost*] from Maulda wee have noe Bookes occasioned by the [grave] Troubles on the new settling that Factory [and want of assistance] their second being forced to be sent to the [Mint at] Rajamaul for Coyning the Honble: Comp^{as}: Money this [Year] all this wee question not but hence forward [will be brought] there. What wee wrote of M^{r}: Hervey was [matter of . .] his answear comes abundantly in the Dyary [or that . . .] a thing from December to Aprill or May all drawn up [and] contrived at once to which wee shall not take [upon ourselves] here but reffer all to you.

The 700 bags of Saltpetre wee shall as soon as [wee see] a fitting Oppertunity endeavour to recover of [the Raja of Concha].

[The . . . our troubles in . . . occationed Goods to come in from all Parts [. . .] and [. . .] Dispatch . . . w^{ch}: wee could no wayes help nor what [. . .] Goods come [. . .] of what wee hope to have sent Except the Honble: Comp^{a}: will please to keepe a double stock here or sent . . .] intended to carry home Bengall Goods up Hughly River [. . .] their being dispatched thence to [rights] for England [where they will] be detained to the end of January yearely [without fear of being . . .] Wee cannot Imagine it possible for us after having [invested] and laden so great a Stock as there now is and [yearely . . .] encreasing ever to dispatch their Ships [. . . Early at] the Coast four or five months being so little [to invest for the] quantity of Goods required; and this is the reason [in our] Generall to them wee have made some propositions of [w^{ch}:] wee request your favourable Interpretation, wee meaning the good of the Comp^{as} Affairs therein and quiett to ourselves [*two lines lost*].

Our Dyary Consultation Booke and [Acco^{t}:] of Cash was sent you up till the end of May according to the [settled] Rules there being no order hitherto for it to be sent any time farther nor oftener then twise a Year, whereas the order for the same from M^{r}: Hervey is every month and that to be sent the following month, in w^{ch}: respect and severall others of their and our relation to you wee have to this [day] apprehended a considerable difference between our two Positions and do [yett hope] upon a reveiw thereof itt may again be thought soe.

Wee note what you write about Dyett money and shall what wee can conforme our Selves thereto.

Wee shall after the Dispatch of these Ships [send M^{r}: . . . charge] admonition upon admonition he has had [but no] amendment as wee can find his case wee have laid downe and as before [. . . .].

M^{r}: Prickman shall be sent to Cassimbazar according to the Comp^{as}: Order and M^{r}: [Stanley putt in his place] at Ballasore [as a] Factor to assist in the [warehouse] and on occasion to looke after Goods between Hugly [and Ballasore].

The next year there shall be some of the same Goods Invested at Ballasore as at Hughly altho they are to be bought cheapest at the latter place and had not

wee taken care for ye whole Ere the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: order came in this perticular there had gone some thence this season.

The Silk that went to Surratt anno 1679 was 25: bales [of Rs. 150] each and no more, it was not the Sort the Hon[ble]: Company deal in but silk Punjah of wich these Countrey Merchants send no less yearly thither overland then 10000: Bales and therefore the 25 Bales that went by Sea would not do so much damage as the Comp[a]: have been informed [(*A line lost*) concerned] in that Surrat [Ships Cargo were] the [*A few words lost*] and Councell at the [Cheife] and M[r]: Littleton [. . .] wee have hopes none of them are [vile] Persons nor the Sons of vile men; Richard Harbin that went Master of that Ship to Surratt that Voyage, can well confirm y^e: truth of what asserted here and it is our desire for the better clearing the [matt[r] :] to the Honble: Comp[a]: that he may be put to his Oath hereon and produce if he can his Acc[t]: of that Cargo.

What Packing Stuff wee could gett ready is sent you on the Cæsar wee shall not hence forward faile to Supply you fully according to yor: Requires hence Yearly by the first Shipping.

The Cheife gives you his humble Thancks for the Licence you have given him to come up to the Fort, but not knowing what may be in the troubles newly advised off from Decca, and being loth notwithstanding all the discouragements he meetts with to be out of the way then especially when he presumes his presence here may be more requisite he is forced to wave it this year hoping that by your favour his concerns there may not Suffer thereby.

The Timbers were offer'd and enorder'd aboard these three Ships here but refused for reasons given in the Severall Cōmand[rs]: Lres or Answers to those Orders, so that now wee despair that any Cōmanders will be induced to carry away any of them to the Coast and therefore least they should rott where the[y] are wee are thinking to carry them hence to Hugly to lett them lye in the Comp[as]: Yard for their Sloopes and Sale on occasion since they will but rott as they now lye.

Our Severall Books of Acco[ts]: with Dyarys and Consultations &c[a]: come as inlisted required and usuall to which [please] to be referred.

M[r]: Perrin dyed in Ballasore in the time of the Cheifs of [. . .] his Inventory wee have enquired after but it cannot be found and the Cheife aforesaid being dead wee know not of whome to require it.

Wee have now dispatched to you the Ships George, Cæsar, and Bengall Merchant to you with the severall vizt: the first am[ts]: to Rup[s]: [*lacuna in the original*] the second to Rup[s]: [*lacuna in the original*] the last to R [*lacuna*] in all [*lacuna*] for which please to give us Creditt, wee call not else to mind at present save to Subscribe, Right Worsp[ll]: &c[a]: Councell Your humble Serv[ts]:

Matt[s]: Vincent—Jn[o]: Byam—Rich[d]: Trenchfield.

P.S.

Wee have delayed the dispatch of these Ships till this 16: January in expectation of the Invoices of their Cargoes which were not yet come to hand for want of the Inland Invoyce of goods from Cassambazar and Maulda as wee are informed from Hugly but now fearing to keepe these Ships any longer they come onely with their Bills of Lading, wee intending to send their Invoyces by the Ship Anne, to rights and duplicates to them by the Sloopes which if Saltpetre comes as is hoped from Pattana may by the end of this month two of them be coming towards you. By reason of the Stop expected as by advices from Decca, The Cheife was willing to come himselfe with these last Goods to be near at hand to clear all things not questioning but the Invoices would have followed and wee are very sorry but cannot help that it has fallen out otherwise, by reason of Stoppage of our Goods at Dacca & Maulda with the losse of Saltpetre from

Pattana [and] the missing and loss of Some Goods on countrey Boates between this and Hugly wee being forced to use them for [Gruff] Goods in want of Decked Vessells, our Tonnage will not reach what wee formerly advised but question not you will be able having a good quantity of Saltpetre in store at the Fort to supply what wanting. The Bengall merchant want 343: bags Saltpetre of his allowed quantity of Saltpetre the [Borca] on which it was sent from Hugly being not yett heard of having also 700: Baggs Turmerick for the Anne on board her.

The Cheife here sends his son by the George for England to be educated there and desires your favour to him,

Idem servants, MATTHIAS VINCENT—JNO: BYAM—RICHARD TRENCHFIELD.

MADAPOLLAM THE 24: JANUARY 168½
RECD: FFEBRY: 4TH:

TO THE RIGHT WORPll: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCELL.

Right Worpll: Sir &ca:

Our last unto you was by Sloope Madapollam, whome wee dispatched hence, the 16th: instant laden with Timbers for the Fort, by whome wee remitted you an Invoice thereof.

Yesterday the Governour of Narsapore's Peons brought a Boat laden with Timbers for the Honble: Compas: Accot: (whome wee had dispatched hence,) from the Rivers mouth to Narsapore, where he still detaines her, having landed the Timbers demanding Custome for them, which if complyed with, would be a means of looseing the Compas: priviledges of having their Goods Custome free, wch: wee have had as great regard to as possible for the Preservation thereof; upon notice given us of the Governrs: Orders for seizeing the boat wee immeadiately man'd a [Prowe], and sent her downe the River to clear her; but upon their approaching the boat they poured a Volley of Shott: upon them and fired severall volleys more from the Rivers' Side at them, having some dayes before sett upon our Peons in a hostile manner Lancing and abusing them.

The Season of the year being far Spent and the Bengall Merchant not yett arrived, wee have thought fit to recall the boates from the Rivers mouth, wch: wee had laden and sent thither to be in a readiness against the Ships arrivall in ord.r: to her speedy dispatch hence, fearing the Govr: should act any thing of hostility on them by seizeing the Tandells, wch: would endanger the Boates driving upon the Barr.

Wee have wrote to Mr: John Field &ca: to advise the Governour of Metchlepa: of the abuses offer'd the Honble: Compa: by the Governour of Narsapore he being under his Government, and to acquaint him of what ill consequence, it will be for him to stopp their Goods, upon so unjust a pretence, hoping he will give a Check to his irregular proceedings, his pretence for so doing is that the Timber belongs not to the Compa: but the owner of ye: Boate it is freighted on, and that wee owne it in ye: Compas: name to deprive the King of his Customes, which wee have by often messages declar'd him the contrary, to which he will not give creditt, nor deliver it without Custome. Wee therefore desire yor: Orders how to proceed therein, wch: is the needfull to advise at present from, Right Worpll: Sir &ca: Your most humble: Servts:

JOHN DAVIS—SAMLL: WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

MADAPOLLAM YE : 14TH : JANUARY 168½.
RECD : [. . .] FEBRY : DITTO.

TO THE RIGHT WORPll : WM : GYFFORD ESQR :
AGENT & GOVR &CA : COUNCELL.
Rt : Worspll ; Sr : &ca :

Wee have compleated our contract with the Merchants, having received from them to the amot : of about 94,000 Pagds: what wee have exceeded thereon hope you will not disapprove of since it will in part supply the wants at Metchlepatam, wee have received a greater quantity of peeces of Severall Sorts of cloth then agreed for, or required in your list, the reason for our so doing was, the Merchants contracted to bring in their Goods of the head Musters, wch : upon sorting the greatest part of them proved to be of the Second and third Sorts, so that wee were forced to receive a greater quantity then order'd to make up the amount of the contract.

Wee have attending to your orders provided 216 : Timbers of 16 : and 10 : Covetts, none of 18 : Covetts procureable, having laden on board Sloope Madapollam 122 : amounting to as ℔ inclosed Invoice, whom wee have now dispatched towards you the rest of the Timbers shall be sent upon boates.

The 10th : Instant wee dispatched 6 : boats laden with 549 : Bales, ordering them to fall downe to the Rivers mouth, and there to attend at the Rivers mouth for the Bengalls arrivall for whome wee have in readiness 1032 : bales, So that wee shall give her a speedy dispatch hence.

Wee have entertained George Pittman on board the Sloope as a Boatswaine to be Assistant to Mr : Bavatt at 4 : pagods: ℔ month Dyett and Wages, comencing from the second Instant referring him to you for a larger allowance wch : is the needfull at present from, Rt : Worpll : Sir &ca :

JOHN DAVIS—SAMLL : WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

P.S.

Wee have laden on Allum Paupa's boat 94 Timbers whome wee [have] forwarded now towards you.

[. . . J.D., S.W., J.W.]

TRANSLATE OF A LRE : FROM BRAMENY. SHANCROGEE PONTULO FROM PORTO NOVO.
WITHOUT DATE.
RECD : 18 : FFEB : 168½.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from Your Worsp : Mr. Yale having been here wee mett together and hee discours't me something which I suppose he hath acquainted yor : Worp : wth : I am in hopes of yor : Worp's favour, I am very desirous to vizitt yor : Worp att Chinapatnam and to acquaint you with all I have to say and to settle a perpetuall freindship for wch : purpose I have now sent Rango Punditt to yor . Worp unto whome I refer you to what he shall tell you by word of mouth, I being so desirous to come and vizitt your Worp as soone as I shall receive your Letter I will depart hence, I doe now write to Mr : Yale, Shendra Shacariah, and Narran, unto whome I likewise referr you, and omitt enlargeing any farther. Only begging your Worps : Love towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM GOPALL DARGEE PUNDITT FROM PORTO NOVO
TO THE RT . WORPLL : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR : GOVERNR :
WITHOUT DATE
RECD : 14 : FFEB 168½.

I enjoy here good health wishing to hear the like from yor : Worp since Mr : Yale's departure hence your Worp hath not writt me of his safe arrivall with you

for which I cannot rest sattisfyed, therefore I beg yo[r] : Worp to send me word of it; I have not on my part been wanting in all the needfull assistance about your affairs having done as much as possibly I could to content M[r]: Yale; I dispatched him towards you who hath doubtless acquainted you with what passed here and therefore you need not make any longer delay to send a fitting person as soone as possible you can to goe forward with yo[r] : Trade and Merchandize I have discours't Something with M[r]: Yale both concerning Your owne Affairs and Brameny Sancrogee Pontulo's (who since M[r]. Yale consented to it) hath a great desire to come and give your worp: a visit at Chinnapatnam if your Worp : would please to write him a Letter giving him leave he would then waite on you, when your Worp hath discours't him you would be glad allways to have such people with you, when M[r] : Yale, Chendra Shecariah and Kette Narran hath acquainted you with what manner of person he is your Worp will understand how to Judge of him ; Hee hath left off his Employment in hopes of your Worp and I being desirous that such a Person should be with you made me write so earnestly about it but will omitt enlarging any farther desiring the continuance of your Love toward me and to acquaint me from time to time of your Wellfare tho M[r] : Yale hath carryed the Cowle from hence wee have not heard nor received any answear about it since, for the Cheif Subidar did two or three times aske me whether y[e] : English were not as yet come to settle their Trade at the Sea Ports, so you may please to send your People to the Sea Ports to settle your Trade and your Worp: may act according to what M[r]: Yale acquaints you with and delay not but bee as good as your word and not otherwise so I omitt enlarging any further.

MADAPOLLAM Y[E] 6TH : FEBRUARY 168½
REC[D] : 18 : D[o] :

TO Y[E] : RIGHT WORP[LL] : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] :
AGENT & GOVERN[R] : &C[A] : COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll] : s[r] : &c[a] :

Wee have received yours of the 23[d] : past the 31th : D[o] : wherein you are pleased to shew your Dissatisfaction that wee had not laden what goods in readiness on board the Golden fleece, on whome was laden the one half of Coarse goods that was expected according to contract, tho the Merchants exceeded therein, by reason they had agreed to bring them in of the head musters, which proved to be of the 2[d] : and 3[d] : Sorts as advis'd in ours of the 14th : past, it was thought convenient to proportion our goods for both Ships but the fine not coming in soe timely as expected it was order'd that the ffleece should be dispatched towards you, Suppose-ing the want thereof would be made up at the Fort and that the remainder of our Goods should be laden on board the Bengall Merchant, (whome wee expected to have followed in a short time,) which if a greater quantity then her Proportion of ours, she would receive the less from you, which was thought would be the same thing in effect, wee shall observe your orders for the landing a Sufficient quantity of Saltpetre from her to make roome for the takeing in of bale Goods, having wrote to M[r] : Field &c[a] : to advise us what they have to lade there.

Wee now remitt you Coppy of our Generall Bookes Letter F : for the Fort, Acco[t] : Cash, Dyary and Consultations, with acco[t] : Expences for the last month, to which wee desire you to be referr'd w[ch] : is what wee have at present to offer from, Right Worp[ll] : Sir &c[a] : Your very humble Servt[s]:

JOHN DAVIS—SAM[LL] : WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

METCHLEPATAM Y[E] : 11TH FEBRUARY 168½
REC[D]: 21ST: D[o] :

TO THE R[T] : WORP[LL] : W[M] : GYFFORD ESQ[R].
AGENT & GOVERN[R]. &C[A] : COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll] Sir etc[a] :

Our last to you was of the 23[d]: December Since w[n] wee have received yours of the 15th : Ditto, and 23[d] : January, with ours of the 23[d] : Xber.℘ Ship Golden ffleece, wee sent you our Consultations Dyary and Acco[t] : of Cash for November, and had hopes that the said Acco[ts] : for December had been with you ere this expecting the Bengall Merchant here, but she not appearing & the multiplicity of buisness upon our hands hath hitherto prevented us, but for the future shall not make it a custome.

Your letter to the Comp[as] : Egyb after some dayes detaining of it here to see how the Governour would behave himselfe, wee have sent forward to Golcondah, a difference now lately hapning between the Govern[r] : of Narsapore and our friends at Madapollam upon advice whereof wee made our application to this Governour, but he utterly refused to give any redress, but hath sent downe peons powder &c[a] : to maintaine the quarrell, at present he is very civill with us but of how long continuance wee know not but upon his first Stirring wee shall not ffaile of makeing our application to Golcondah.

You are pleased to say y[t] : in our Books some of the Comp[as] : Servants stand D[rs] : to which wee presume to answear that wee know of none actually in the Company's Imploy but the Steward which cannot be avoyded and tho M[r] : Ramsden did then owe money yet upon ballancing his acco[t] upon his departure hence money was due to him if any of the Companyes Servants Shall be in Debt, wee shall observe your Orders.

The differences in our Acco[ts] : of Lead and an overcharge on a parcell of Gunneys sent by the President, wee have now settled agreable to your Orders tho wee presume the want of y[e] : Lead must proceed from the difference in our weights, the Bramany that received it afirmes the same to be just as wee have charged and for the 18 : fanams overcharge of the Gunnies wee judge rather a mistake in the Writeing the Invoice then any reall Error.

When the Bengall Merchant arrives here wee shall observe your Orders concerning the Saltpetre.

Yesterday the Governour sent to acquaint us that our People at Madapollam owned a boate of Paddy as theirs, w[ch] : belonged to the Countrey People, to which wee thought good to reply, this was not the first time such idle Stories was told him and the Comp[as] : Timbers Stopt from going to the Fort, desireing him to desist from giving creditt to the reports of such disaffected people upon w[ch] sent for the Dubash to speak with him w[ch] : was to tell him he was well assured of what he said to be true desiring us to write about it otherwise he would write about on us here, but had orderd the release of the Timber boates tho now wee feare too late to Reach y[e] Fort by this Monsoone.

Our freinds at Madapollam in their Generall to us of the 14th : January enforme us they have orders from you to demaund of Jn[o] ffield 13[pa] : 19[fa] : paid by his order to an Assistant for coppying Letters, and pag[ds] : 4 paid his house rent in Metchlep[a] :, but he intreats you to take into your consideration that the last year from October there was but 3 :℘ sons of the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : Serv[ts]: in Maddapollam Viz[t] : the Cheif Second and Third and at that time busyness very incumbant upon them, Cloth comeing in and to be sorted and baled, that writeing worke as farr as possible was laid aside till more spare time, and after the cloth was all embaled to upwards of 13,000 Bales all three Persons fell Sick and the second dyed as also the Cheife of this Factory so that business being much behind & a Genr[ll] : remove expected, neither Cheif nor third able to write, it was thought better to hyre another then have it undone, when wee should come to remove and the ensuing Investment come on or in case it should please God to take us out of this world, neith[r] : was it done by John ffield's order onley, but by consent of John

Clarke and by him paid, and the business for the most part what most properly belonged to him, so that with all submission to your more wise Judgements, John ffeild presumes if that 13 : p^a^ : 19 : fa : will not be allowed of upon y^e^ : above considerations, then M^r^ : Clarke hath the most reason to pay it, and for the 4 : pag^ds^ : house rent, John ffield came to Metchlepatam by order of Consultation to receive the Treasure &c^a^ : for Maddapollam as the year before as also to be with the Doctor, whose help M^r^ : Wales as well as himselfe wanted; the Factory being independant he could demund no [Lodging] therein neither indeed was there any for him, M^r^ : Wynnes Chamber being locked up with his things therein, M^r^: Wales and M^r^ : Ramsden marryed persons neither did he esteeme it so convenient for him to be in the Factory being not at all concerned therein, but rather to reside abroad to prevent any misunderstandings, as also did the year before, and had his house rent allowed him but after all this if you shall still enorder him to pay the house rent, and money given the Assistant he will readily submitt & Comply therew^th^ :·

Wee herewith send you our Diary Consultations and Acco^t^ : of Cash for the months of December and Jan^ry^ : and respectfully remaine, Right Worp^ll^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ : Your very humble Servants.

JOHN FFIELD—VINCENT SAYON—ROB^T^ : FFREEMAN—TIM^o^. HARRIS.

Last night by perticular Letters from Maddapollam wee are informed the Bengall Merchant arrived there y^e^ : 9th : Curr^t^ :

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM BRAMENY PODULA LYNGAPAH FROM CONJEVARAM TO Y^E^ : R^T^ : WORP^LL^ : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ : GOV^R^ :

W^TH^OUT DATE.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from yor Worp̃ : his Lordship Brameny Accana hath great necessity for one Viece weight of Alligators Gaul and that I should by all means procure it and send it to him & therefore I beg the favour of your Worp̃ : to order yor : Mussula & Cattimarran men to use their uttmost to gett a Veice we^t^ of the said Gaul, I earnestly desire yor Worp̃ to procure it. Some great Persons who are my freinds at Court have desired me to procure for them some hunting Dogs, and I was enform'd your Worp̃ : had some there abouts if it be soe I desire your Worp̃ : to make choice of those w^ch^ : are handsome couragious and fleet to catch wild hoggs, & to send two couple of them, and in so doing it will be as if your Worp̃ : had given me a Lack of Pag^d^ : so I entreate your Worp̃ to send them to me and to keepe a continuance of yor : Love towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^R^ : FROM BRAMENY PODULA LYNGAPA FROM CONJEVARAM TO THE R^T^ : WORP^LL^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD, ESQ^R^ : GOV^R^ :

W^TH^ : OUT DATE.
REC^D^ : 1ST : MARCH 168½.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from yor : Worp̃ : their Lordships Madana & Accana have once before sent Tasherifs to yor : Worp̃ : thro my hands, and have sent now by another way, therefore you may please to receive them with all due respects and rejoyce thereat. His Lords^p^ : Brameny Madana doth in May next intend to bestow amongst the Bramenys about 20 Candy of Copper made into Copper Potts, and orderd me to write to your Worp̃ about it wherefore I now doe it, you are a great Person and you doe use to spend great sum̃es of money, where such great Persons as Brameny Madana and Accana are have ordered me to

procure such a thing of you which if your Worp̃ grant it will not be to your loss at all but redound much to your honour and benifitt for in so doing you will please them very much for those who desire it are very great men therefore may it please you to consider your owne greatness and if you should send the said 20 : Candys of Copper upon a boat either to Carreer or Ramapatnam then I shall send to take care that it shall safely be conveyed to his Lordship and when you shall send thither the sd : Copper, you may also please to write a Letter to Brameny Madana that you have sent him 20 : Candys of Copper thro my hands and to remitt the said Lr̃e to me So I desire the continuance of your Worp̃s : entire Love towards me and to impart to me the good newes of yor : Wellfare.

P: S :—Your Worp̃ : may be pleas'd to send the said 20 : Candy of Copper either to Carreer or Ramapatnam or else to order yor : Servt : above to deliver ye : sd : quantities of Copper to His Lordship Madana wch : will be all one so yor: Worp̃ : may doe wch : way you please & to write to yr : Higib there to acquaint his Lordsp : yt : you have sent him the sd : quantity of Copper.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY VIRA RAGAVIAH FROM GOLCONDA TO YE : RT : WORPLL : WM : GYFFORD ESQR : GOVR :

DATED YE : 21ST : JANRY :
RD PRO : MARTY 168½.

After my arrivall at Golconda I writt to yor : Worp : what discourse I had with Brameny Madana & Accana when I first went to vizitt them, whereby yor : Worp : will understand what passed, after wch I spoke both to Madana and Accana that since I was restored into my Egybship I beg'd the favour of them to send yor : Worp̃ Tasheriffs upon which they both acquainted his highness the King thereof and then they sent Tasheriffs both for your Worp̃ and Pedda Yencatadry as hath ever been Sallabad and sent one of the Divan's Nobutties therewith and their Letters with him so your Worp̃ may please (as usuall) to meet them a little way, your Worp̃ may be pleased to know they were sent wth : the Kings leave and Podula Lyngapah being a great Person in those parts he would have been something greived if the Tasheriffs had not been first sent to him before they had been conveyed to your Worps : hands. therefore Brameny Accana order'd the Tashriefs to be carryed to Lyngapah and there to take one of his People togeather with the Divans Nobutt to come with the Tashrieffs, I have accordingly sent the said Tashrieffs to Lyngapah, both Brameny Maddana and Accana having order'd Lyngapah by their Roccas to him to favour and assist our Honble : Compas : Affairs in those Parts according to Sallabod, that they sent the said Tashrieffs to him meerely to encourage the English, if your Worp̃ should send some present to Brameny [Accana] in requitall of the Tasheriffs the Divan sent you twould be a great honr : to your Worp̃ : however your Worp̃ : may doe what you please in it.

ANOTHER FROM BRAMENY VIRA RAGAVIAH.

RECD : THE 1ST : MARCH 168½.

The 4th : of this Instant Brameny Madana's Sonne was made a Brameny at wch : time all People presenting the younge Brameny with their Tasheriffs the great persons here advised me to the same and I entered something in the Roll as a present in your Worps : name it having been alwayes a Custome to doe so att any Wedding or makeing a Brameny therefore 'twill be necessary for your Worp̃ to give them something, concerning which may itt please you to order me and be pleased likewise to order the paymt : of my Wages due in Mr : Masters time. You may likewise be pleased to write possitively to Metchlepatam concerning ye : pagods : 157 : and order them to be paid to me and to lay your Commands upon me.

Translate from our Brameny Vira Ragaviah from Golcondah to the R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esqr: Govr:

Dated Feb: 16 } $168\frac{1}{2}$
Rec^{d}: March 1st: }

I received the Letters your Worp: sent me and [have observed the contents . . . . pleased to] acquaint me that Podula Lyngapa had sent to your Worp for Chinapatnam Rent this Yeare, our agreement, according to the Cowle given was to pay it at the latter end of May ordering me to acquaint both Madana and Accana thereof, and to procure their Roccas to said Lingapa that the Rent may be paid above at the years end concerning which I have talked with Madana and Accana to which they answered that Lyngapa wrote them that the last year the said Rent was p^{d}: to him, and therefore wee should pay it to him againe and that they have ordered Chinnapatnam and all other Affairs in those parts to be of Lyngapa's Side, therefore wee should now pay it to him, to w^{ch}: I replyed that hitherto wee had alwayes paid it here to the Divan according to Sallabad, and wee did the same y^{e}: last year to the Divan it Selfe, for which we have the Divan's Phirmaund and Cowle, but notwithstanding I told him all these things; they replyed me that what money wee paid here the last year was for Presents and that wee paid the Rent money to Lyngapa, this is all the answer they gave and did not order me to send for the money hither when the Divan had made Chinnap^{a}: on Lyngapa's side here should be one of the Divans People to acquaint the Divan that our Sallabad was so and so hitherto, and to gett some of the great men here to speak to the Divan to prevent the payment of it to any one in those Parts, but at that Time here Volebonee Gruah who is not soe well acquainted with the Divan's Affairs and did not acquaint [their Lordships with our] Sallabad and by that means [spoiled] the buisness, and now since his Highness Phirmaund was sent by his order that Chinnapat^{m}: should be on Lyngapa's side; and it will be a very difficult thing to have it disanulld concerning which some of our friends here advised me which way to behave ourselves in this buisness that when so ever Lyngapa shall send his People for the Rent money and you doe not send it, then Lyngapa will write hither about it and the Divan will be Displeas'd that wee should deny it, and 'twill cause some difference, and if wee should pay the Rent money but one Year to Lyngapa he will contrive many wayes to bring us into such a Labarinth of troubles that wee shall not be able to gett out of it, if Lyngapa's people should come to your Worp: for the Rent Money before the years end your Worp: may tell him since it hath been Sallabad to pay the Rent to the Divan himselfe, you have sent up the money already which you may please to send hither as soone as possible you can, and if you should likewise send some Present to Accana when you send the money I shall then deliver him the Present, and then acquaint him of our Sallabad, and shall gett him to speake to his Highness the King to grant us as it has been Sallabad; for if your Worp: doth not send some Present to please Brameny Accana they will never receive the money here but will returne it here again, and thereby will arise some difference, this advice some of our good freinds here gave me, so may it please your Worp: to consider of it for if the money be not paid untill the begining of the next year then doubtless there will arise some difference betwixt us and Lyngapa, you may be pleased to send the Rent before hand for this Yeare, and something as a present to Brameny Accana as your Worp: shall thinck convenient I shall then gett some great men here to speake concerning your buisness and gett it effected and pay the Rent and shall talke with Brameny Accana and make an end of it; So your Worp may be pleased to instruct me how I shall behave my Selfe herein soe soone as possible you can, Volebenney Gruah not taking care then to mannage this buisness as he ought to have done hath brought it now to this pass; if you have Accana Receipt for the last years Rent paid to the Divan your Worp may please to send it me.

Your Worp^{s}: dated the 11th: December by way of Metchlepatam the 13th: February arrived here, I have procured Roccas from hence concerning the

Stoppage of our Goods toward Metchlepatam and have sent them away already, no Jew nor English came to this Citty from England for I have strictly enquired about it, but whether they went to the mines I know not, for I am told there is no way to come over land from Europe, some time since there came foure French men from Surratt, and they have spoken with his Highness, Your Worp: may please to lay your comands upon me.

One reca : wth : this Lre from Brameny Madana with the same contents as this.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FRO[M] BRAMENY AOCANA FROM GOLCONDAH TO THE RIGHT WORPLL : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR : GOVR :

RECD : PRIO : JANRY : 1682.

Brameny Podula Lyngapa having writt me much in your Worps: favour saying that you doe act in the Divans Affairs according to his desires and that you deale with the Merchants according to Sallabad, seeing he hath acquainted [me] with these things and your Higib Viragaviah having likewise acquainted me concerning you, wee have favoured you in sending our Tashrieffs to Podula Lyngapah which you may please to receive and rejoyce thereat, I desire your Worp : to hear Lyngapa with credulity in what soever buisness he shall acquaint you about and to gett him to write to us when you would have any buisness to be done here for the more you oblige Lyngapah to write in your behalfe the readier shall wee be to favr : you, I hope your Worp : hath received the Tasheriffs wee sent you before.

RIGHT WORPLL : &CA :

Respected Freinds

Wee send these paire of Cossetts on purpose with the two Pacquects that accompany these from our Honble: Masters for you; there likewise goes in this Pacquett a particular Lre that came from Europe for the Agent, The Ships Williamson, Lancaster & Johanna arrived the Downes ye : 16 & 12th : July, but wee heare nothing of the arrivall of the Ships from your Parts : Peace all over Europe God be thanked; The Honble : Compas : Shipps from hence sayled the 24th present full laden; the President tooke his Passage on the Josia, and Mr : Camberlan went on the Success, God send them a Safe & seasonable arrivall in England. Who rest,

Yor : Very Affectionate Freinds & Servts :
JOHN CHILD—JOHN PETIT.

Surratt ye : 31st : January 168½
P : S :

Yours of the 27th : Octobr : is recd : requiring no further answear.

If these Cossetts desire 6 rupees of you please to lett them have it with the accustomary Rosa of one fanam a Day.

METCHLEPATAM 10th : MARCH 168½

TO THE RT : WORPLL : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR :
AGENT & GOVERNR : &CA : COUNCELL.

Right Worpll: Sir &ca :

Our severalls to you of the 23rd : Decembr : 10th ffebry and 5th : currant advised the needfull and by ours in Febry : wee sent you our Consultations, Diary & Acct : of Cash, with Timo : Harris's Accot : Currant for the Month of Xber and January the 25th : Ulto : at Night the Bengall Merchant arrived here since when wee have sent Goods off to her as fast as Winds and Weather will permitt and have now laden upon her 384 : Bales amounts: to Pagds: 42,967 : 4:3: as ℘ Invoice, She is so full that she cannot take in a Bale more, and wee have : yett 30 Bales behind

at his first arrivall here wee acquainted him what a quantity of Goods wee had, requiring him to take out w[t]: Salt Petre he had above his Kentallage in case he could not take in all our Goods, to which he replyed he could not take in all neither could he take out any Saltpetre except he putt in Sand in the Roome, the Kintallage contracted for being not Sufficient for the Ship, however what Goods remaining is onely Dungarees and Saile cloth.

Wee have used all possible endeavours to bring our Merchants to an abatement but they absolutely refused it declareing they are great loosers by this years Investm[t]: Cloth being so exceeding dear in the Countrey upon which wee have not yett paid them, the Ballance of the Acco[t]: nor made our new Contract, But shall awaite your further Orders.

The last year by Ship Eagle came consigned to Madapollam a Bale of Musters Marked N°: 26: which upon opening wee found belong to Metchlepatam. Wherefore dispatcht it to M[r]: Wynne &c[a]: Councell but they having no orders about it returned it us againe but in the Interim the Ship was dispatch'd so that the Musters have layn by ever since, and are now sent upon this Ship together with a fardle of musters of this Years Cloth Marked N°: 14:

Our Letter to the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: with other Papers according to list wee herewith send you open for your Perusall.

In ours of the 5th: Curr[t]: wee advis'd you the insolency of the Govern[r]: of this place, and tho he hath since promised to be more freindly yett he still continues to Stopp y[e]: English Goods for Severall days, and when wee apply our Selves to him for their release he refuseth to give Order but returnes answear he shall doe it when he returnes to the Banksall whi[ch] is the usuall way he does to those that payes Junckan so that wee are within a Step of looseing the Comp[as]: Priviledges granted by the Kings Phyrmand, and Severall times sends us such slighting answears that they are almost insufferable and heartily wish the Comp[as]: Egyb at Golcondah would soe far better himselfe as to procure Sufficient Orders for a redress, for if they be not very effectuall our Complaints there will rather make it more worse then Better and longer to forbear those Complaints wee could not.

In a few dayes wee shall send you o[r]: Consultations &c[a]: overland and in y[e]: interim respectfully remaine, Right Worp[ll]: Sir &, Your very humble Servant's

JN°: FIELD—VINCENT SAYON—ROBERT FREEMAN—TIM°: HARRIS.

Memorandum that there's two Copies of this one whereof intimates the severalls to be of the 23 Dec[br]: 11 ffeb[ry]: and 7th: Curr[t]: in w[ch]: was incerted Pago[s]: 42967: 4: 3 which is brought into this of the 23 Decem[br]: 10 ffeb[ry]. 5 Currant being the Originall and in it the said Pago[s] not exprest.

METCHLEPATAM THE 5TH: MARCH 168½
REC[D] 14TH: DITTO.

TO THE R[T]: WORP[LL]: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOV[R]: OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll]: Sir &c[a]:

This oppertunity presenting wee thought it necessary to advice you that the Bengall Merchant arrived the 25th: Ult°: at night since when wee have used all dilligence to send our Goods on board as the Wind & Weather shall permitt and hope in few dayes to dispatch her towards you.

Our Govern[r]: here dayly encreases his insolencyes towards us and is grown to that pass now that the Cattwall does more then what the Govern[r]: dare

formerly doe in Stopping the Goods the Merchants brought on the Honble : Comp^{as} : Acco^{t} : in case of defect, carrying them to his house their detaining them dureing his pleasure, for this and Severall other reasons wee have made our address to Court according to Order and that it may prove the more effectuall sent up a small present amount^{g} : to with Charges about 140 : Pago^{ds} : the Person that layes claime to the Factory gives us a continuall trouble, for which wee writt up to the Comp^{as} : Egib at Golconda and likewise to the Cirkell, but by the Egibs answear wee find he takes little Notice whether the Comp^{as}: loose their ffactory or not, which wee cannot but advise yo of, not knowing what the Issue of this Affair will in a little time come to ; by the Shipp wee shall be more large and respectfully conclude.

Right Worp^{ll} : Sir &c^{a} :
Your very humble Serv^{ts} :

JN^{O} : FIELD—VINCENT SAYON—R. FREEMAN—TIM^{O}: HARRIS.

MADDAPOLLAM 21ST : FEB^{RY} : 168½
REC^{D} : 14TH : MARCH D^{O} :

TO THE R^{T} : WORP^{LL} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Right Worp^{ll} : Sir &c^{a} :

Wee have laden on board the Bengall Merchant Capt : John Goldsborough Commander, who arrived here the 9th : Instant 1082 : bales of Callicoes as ℘ inclosed Invoyce and Bill of Lading, which is the full Complement of our Investment, and have according to your order of the 28th November, If wee could find no vent for our Europe Goods to send them for Metchlepatam laden on board her 16 : Bales of Broadcloth, which wee could not any wayes dispose of here.

The Governour of Narsapore having this day by order from the Govern^{r} : of Metchlepatam delivered the Honble Comp^{as} : boat of Timbers, wee thought fitt to enorder her to proceed towards you, as soon as Shee shall be fitted, which shall be done with all expedition hoping she may obtaine her Port, that the Company may not be at a double charge of freight which is the needfull at present from R^{t} : Worp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} : Your most humble Servants

JOHN DAVIS—SAM^{LL} : WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

Since the within written, the Govr : of Narsapore sent to invite the Councell, in order the composing the difference betwixt us where after some discourse together the Councell desired him to Sattisfye them, who it was that had given him the Information, that the boates of Timber detained by him belonged not to the Honble : Comp^{a}, who declared to us it was some of our owne Servants, meaning those that lived under our protection, who held their priviledges thereby, and then produced a paper sent by him by P[e]yndecondela Jaggapa, and Eram chitte Jaggapa wherein they enformed him that the Timber belonged not to the Company but Sancho Narso, and that severall goods mentioned therein consigned to him by the English, and sold for their Acco^{ts} : belonged not to them, but properly to himselfe, thereby depriving the King of his Custome under colour of the English name, which the Govern^{r} : sayd, as he was the Kings Servant, he was forced to take notice of it, and order the Timbers to be stopped, till the King's customes was payed, but being now sattisfyed of the falsitye thereof he delivered us the paper

which was read before the Councell, being attested by severall Persons of greatest repute in the Towne and by two of his owne Bramenys, which we now remitt you in Gentue, being noe body here to translate it in English, desireing that you would be pleased to make the said Peyndecondela Jaggapa and Eramchitte Jaggapa, makes good the dãmadge that is like to acrew to the Honble: Comp[a]: thereon, one boate being laden for their Acco[t]: for which wee paid Pag[ds]: 60: for the freight, the other laden by John Davis for Acco[t]: of M[r]: Bridger for which he paid P[a]: 59½ the freight, who as soon as they had sent the Information to the Govern[r]: sett out for Madras, and suppose they may be there still, not being yett returned hither, and that you will be pleased to make them Examples, that it may strike terrour into others, that they may not Attempt the like actions for the future otherwise wee must expect nothing but continuall Stoppages on our goods upon the least Information that shall be given any of the Govern[rs]:, that they belong not to us, (how false soever) they being ready to lay hold of the least shew of advantadge. Dispatcht from Metchlep[a]:

the 5th: March 168½

JOHN DAVIS—SAM[LL]: WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR EGYB: VIRA RAGAVIAH FROM GOLOONDA TO M[R]: JOHN FIELD AT METCHLEP[A]:

WITHOUT DATE.

I have lately acquainted you with what hath passed here and gott Brameny Maddana to write againe to the Nabob and gott him to send especiall orders to the Avaldar of Metchlep[a]: and gave him an express order concerning the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: buisness that he should not be by any means an hindrance to it but to forward it as much as hee can and gott him to write a Rocca to the Avaldar to the above s[d]: effect and sent the same away by his owne post Peons as tho he had written unknowne to us and when I desired the Nabob to send it by one of his owne Mobutties he said it was better as he had order'd it and that he was sure there would be noe more hindrance, but our buisness would goe well fforward, he told me this and that concerning the Comp[as]: Affairs they will not faile but doe it according to the Contents of the Cowle granted us and that you should not by any means aid any private Merch[ts]: or the English to doe any private trade and sent you a letter to the same purpose which when you have read you will understand the buisness, I desired the Brameny's Maddana and Accana to send their Roccas to the Avaldar who answered me saying there was noe need for it seeing he was under the Governm[t]: of the Nabob his letter was Sufficient but if he would not take notice of y[e] Nabob thē they would write to him notwithstanding this I doe intend to desire the Roccas once more and if they give them I will send towards you, for I doe intend to speake to their Lordships Maddana and Accana soe much as to obtaine yo[r]: care in our buisness for w[ch]: I shall gett some positive orders sent as possibly I can, I was told by Dawallgee the Bacchierdar and the Secretaries and divers others belonging to the Divan that Codja Mahamed Raza Yeasdee was not as yett come to this place concerning whome I shall procure the Nabob's Rocca and send it, the Secretaryes belonging to the Bramenies Madana & Accana and to the Nabob seeing they read letters before them and write their answears to them, they press me to give them something, wherefore you may please to consider and send to them, if you thinck fitt to send 4: yards of fine Scarlett and 4: pair of Spectacles and 4: knives I shall endeavour then to please those Secretaries, for in reading such letters you send hither and writeing answers from hence if they are minded to abuse us in reading or writeing they may easily doe it, and make us far the worse, therefore 'tis good to make them our freinds wherefore I thought convenient to acquaint you therewith soe you may please to consider and send it and often to lay your commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMINY VIRA RAGAVIAH FROM GOLCONDAH TO THE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: GOVERNR:

DATED YE: 3D: MARCH, 168½

Your Worp̃: hath lately order'd me to endeavr: my outmost to gett our Townes rent paid here to the Divan, I have already sent your Worp̃ an answear about it which I hope you have received, soe if your Worp̃: will be pleased to give me orders concerning it I will endeavour what I can possibly therein and give yor: Worpe: an Accot: of what passes, if your Worsp thinkes fitt to send the said Rent money hither you may, with something more for charges, I have lately sent towards your Worp̃: a Letter from the Shalascar from Metchlepatam wch: I hope you have recd:

After my arrivall here I wrote your worp̃: four or five times about the wages due to me & about Mr: Horners Pagods: 157: and have not as yet received any answer concerning the same whereas all things are excessive dear, it costs me a great deale pr: mensem and the wages the Honble: Compa: allow me is but small and the money due to me being in this manner delayed makes those I have borrowed off very urgent with [. . .] for Payment; those that lent money concerning Mr: Horners buisness doe likewise press me very much to pay them immediately and the Interest thereof doth much increase this money was given noe otherwise then for the Honble: Compas: buisness Under God I have noe one to help me besides yor: Worsp: if your Worsp: doth not assistance what can I say? wherefore I begg yor: Worp̃ to consider about it, and to deliver the money to my brother Ramana. Our People did use to send 15 Pagods: for the Durbar charges, & 40: Pagds: for the Mophardneeces when wee pay the rent for otherwise they will still be makeing delayes in giving the Receipt therefore I desire your Worp̃: to send the sd: money it being customary, your Worp̃ being a wise and understanding Person makes me omitt me enlargeing any farther thereabouts, the People in Place here now are not like their Predecessours, for all the Officers are Bramenies and when any body goes to them about buisness they immediately open their hands soe yor: Worp̃: may please to consider about it and lay your com̃and[s] upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM GOPALL DARJEE PONTULOO FROM PORTO NOVO TO YE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: GOVERNR:

DATED MARCH 6TH, 168½

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from yor: Worp̃: the Letter your Worp̃: sent me I recd: in a good hour and observed the Contents thereof, Your Worp̃: wrote therein, for us to give an express to all the Polligars towards Cuduloor, and the Places belonging thereunto, to keepe your Goods and Merchandize Safe from Robbery, and Violence, concerning this & all other agreements made by his Excellency Harjee Raja, and one of your Councell named Mr: Yale by whome wee have already sent you a Cowle, the Contents of wch: wee shall punctually observe, without any default on our Side Your Worp̃: did likewise write to Harje Raya, an answer to wch: is now sent herewith, and I am ready to comply with all things mentioned therein, Soe your Worp̃: may rest with a contented heart; since your Worp̃: doth desire a confirmation from Sumbogee Maha Raja, to the Cowle, already granted you, wee shall procure it, and send it you, it is a long time since Mr: Yale return'd to your Worp̃: and you have not as yet sent your People to begin your Trade, and Merchandize at Cuduloor, and [Conimeer] If it be soe that you don't send, how can wee expect those Sea Ports to be increast, wherefore be pleas'd now at least to send your People to settle there, to the Divans advantadge; such People [as] you are must keepe your words and endeavour to encrease the place, and on our Part wee will be sure to act according to the contents of the Cowle soe desire a continuance of your love and freindship, and to lay your Worps: commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HARJEE RAJA MADICO FROM HIS CAMP TO THE RIGHT WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: GOVERN^{R}:

NOE DATE.

Your Worps writt me at large concerning trade and Merchandize Saying that 'twould be very troublesome for you to import and export your Goods and that wee must permitt you to build your houses by the River or the Sea Side and that wee should send Such Orders to the Poligars that they should doe no harme either to your Money or Goods, and to permitt you according as the French are permitted at Policherree to doe besides the Severall other things you mentioned, all which I have taken Notice off, but cannot allow of any thing more then what was agreed of at first by Gopall Punditt and you M^{r}: Yale one of your Councell, being then here present at the agreement, I have order'd the Soubidar Gopall Darjee Pontulo exactly to observe the contents of the Cowle wee have granted you, according to our agreement, mentioned therein and that he should Strictly order the Polligars, not to wrong you, either in your Money, Goods, or anything else, who I doubt not but will doe according to his orders, all which your Worp: may please to consider, and endeavour the augmentation of the Port, and to goe on with yor: Trade, and Merchandize, with a quiett mind, and endeavouring to encrease the Divans Revenues, and whereas you are a whorthy Judicious Person, and one that wishes the Interest of the Divan, therefore I omitt enlargeing any farther, soe you may remain with a contented heart.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM Y^{E}: NAIQUE OF MADURA VISHVANAWTHA NAIQUE, CHOCCA NAWTHA NAIQUE, TO THE RIGHT WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: GOV^{R}:

DATED MARCH 8TH: 168½

Some time Since having been indispos'd I did send for my Brother Mudalagawdry Naique, to my presence and gave him possession of the Kingdome, to his charge, and I remain'd in my Pallace, and he my said Brother not understanding how to govern the Kingdome, did act in Such a manner, that the Naique of Misure tooke Madura, &c^{a} Places from us and gave Vollam Castle to Eccojee, he having done these things, w^{ch}: coming to my notice, wee having one Capt: Rustumchawn wth: 2000: Horse, I was forc't to take repossession of the Kingdome againe, and on the same Night my Said brother Mudalagawdry Naique went to Tanjores Countrey, and the said Rustumcawn made himselfe so powerfull that he would not take any notice of us upon w^{ch}: I sent for a Generall named Comariah, and one of my Polligars of Narava Castle, [? Marava caste] and have quell'd Rustumkawn's forces, Wee and the Naique of M[i]sure are now good freinds and what passes hereafter you worp: will here of.

Formerly Braminee Yeroo Cawlua Yengaya having informed us that the English Nation were great People and just men makes me desirous of your freindship and to give you some Sea Ports for you to Settle in our Countrey.

Wee having Diamonds and other Pretious Stones by us, I have now sent y^{e}: said Yengaya to your Worp: whome your Worp: may be pleased to give credence as If I had told your Worp: my selfe by word of mouth and be pleased to send him back soe soone as possible you can.

METCHLEPATAM: Y^{E}: 20TH: MARCH 168½.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT & GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Right Worp^{l}: Sir: &c^{a}:

The inclosed is Coppy of our last ℘ Shipp Bengall Merchant, which Sailed hence the 12th: currant in the morning: Wee now send you our Consultations,

Dyary and Acco^{t}: Cash, with M^{r}: Timothy Harriss' Acco^{t}: of Expences for the month of February also an Abstract of Ship Bengall Merchant's Invoyce and one of her bills of Ladeing with Coppie of our Letter to y^{e}: Egyb, Madana, and the Cirkeel, with Coppy of ours to the Honble: Comp^{a}: to all w^{ch}: Wee humbly referr You.

Notwithstanding in our last wee referr'd the Merchant's buisness to you, yett having earnestly pres't them to an abatement, to w^{ch}: they remaine altogether refractory. The Towne of Yentapollam with Severall Townes hereabouts burnt, upon which the Merchants there resolved to depart hence, whether wee would pay them or not, which if they did wee conceiv'd it might prove of ill consequence, where if they went, wee knew not when they would returne again, or whether they would ever undertake this next years Investment, they being soe indifferent whether they be employed or not, and wee noe Power to employ any others, the time of year wasting apace, least the Company might be disappoynted of their full Investment, this as well as the last year, wee have thought good to comply with them, in paying them the Ballance of the Acco^{t}: and giving them their usuall presents; onley making such abatements as was the last year, which was the most wee could bring them too, and this day wee cal'd the Merchants to acquaint them with the Goods to be provided to which they desire some time of consideration, Yengatapollam and adjacent Townes being burnt by the Severall Governours Quarrells and they noe advice yett how affairs Stand.

The 24th March. Since writting the above this day wee rec^{d}: yours of the 8th: Currant and with what already receaved here, and your Selves there, will more then Sattisfye M^{r}: Wynnes Debts, the overplus shall pay to his Overseers.

M^{r}: Freeman will take his passage to the Fort as soon as possible, which being what whorthy your Notice wee respectfully remaine Right Worp^{ll}: Sir: &c^{a}: Your very humble Serv^{ts}:

John ffield—V^{r}: Sayon—R: ffreeman—Timothy Harris.

Madapollam y^{e}: 16: March 168½.

To y^{e}: R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Wm Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Govr: &c^{a}: Councell.

Right Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

Wee have not received any answer to Severall of ours to you, which makes us at a stand how to proceed in the Honble: Comp^{as}: affairs, to comply with your Orders touching the Investment for this year, having in yours of y^{e}: 15th: Xber, required the same quantity of Goods to be provided as was the last year, tho you have not as yet supplied us with Stock, which if not Speedily done, wee shall not be able to answear your Expectations therein, the Merchants having had paid them in hand the last year Pag^{ds}: 18000: before the arrivall of the Shipps, and were order'd to go on in providing the ordinary Callicoes, otherwise so great a quantity as required could not have been provided, none procurable here ready made, therefore have thought fitt to offer to your consideration, to supply us with money, that it may be deliver'd out in time to the Merchants.

Wee now remitt you our Dyary, & Consul[tations,] Acco^{t}: Cash, and Acco^{t}: Expences for the last month to all which desire you'l please to be referred, which is what needfull at present from Right Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}: Your most humble Serv^{ts}:

Jno: Davis—Sam: Wales—James Wheeler.

Translate of a Letter from our Hygib Viraragaviah to Mr: John Ffield.

I have gott the Bramenees Madana & Accanas Roccas chopt, and sent them to you, the Divans Secretaries told me that I must give them Some thing for writing the above said Roccas, and whereas they have been so long in writing those Rocca's; after they had orders to write them, I was forc't to promise them that I would send for Scarlett, Spectacles and knives and give them, so by this means I gott the Roccas written, concerning which, I writt you before, and when you send those things, you may please to send some Sandall-Wood too and if you have any thing else to command me, I will endeavour what possibly I can on my part to see it done, and if the Avaldar should not take notice of these Roccas, in observing the Contents of our Phyrmaund, and you should advise me thereof, I shall gett other possitive Orders concerning the same, and in the meantime be pleased to command me of your Service.

Translate of a Lre from our Bramine Viraragaviah from Golcondah to ye: Rt: Worpll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: Govr:

dated 22: March.

The Letter your Worp: sent me ye: 18th: March arrivd here ye: 20th: Do: the contents of wch: I observ'd, ye: Pagods: 1200: for Chinapatam rent, ye: Gold Chain and ye: 50: Pagds: your Worp: sent for Madana's Son being made a Brameny and 50: Pagds: more to be given severall great Persons here; I have likewise recd: the sd: 50: Pagds: for Madana's Son, I have delivered to Bramine Yencana, who told me when Madana's Daughter was marryed he had given him 100: Pagods: and I could hardly perswade him to take this being but 50: Pagods: seeing your Worp: did send Chinnapatnam rent I carryed it to his Lordshipp Accana, who told me yt he would not receive it here but wee should pay it to Lyngapah, to wch: I answd: that wee did use alwayes According to Sallabod to pay it here to the Divan itself, and the last yeare wee did likewise pay here the said Rent Money and 2000: Pagods: a Present to the Divan by Hocknassers means and that wee did run the Risco of bringing it overland who replyed Saying, that Lingapah wrote him the Present was onely paid here, but the Rent was paid to him and that he has already Sent ⅔: of the Chinapatnam Rent, and that because the Shalaskar did not reside there all this while the Rent was therefore paid here where he resided, and Since they have now given the Shalaskars Ship to Lyngapah, wee must therefore pay it to him for he would not receive it, and returned it back, after which ye: Bramenies Veliguendala Yenccana, and Soumawgee Pontulo, being our freinds, I desired them and gave each of them 25: Pagds: and carryed back the Gold Chains to Brameny Accana and presented him with them Saying that wee hop'd wee should not faile of our Sallabod and that wee did never use to pay the Rent by Proportion of the yeare but did alwayes use to pay the whole Rent the latter end of the Year to the Divan himselfe, having likewise gott Said Yencana and Soumawgee Pontulo to speake in our behalfe to Brameny Accana, who at last gave his consent too, and told me that Lyngapa doth complain Saying, that the Divans Spoyles their busyness by their Receiving the Rent here, and that if the English should be countenanc'd here, would they ever take notice of him, and therefore I should keepe the money by me, and when said Lyngapa doth send to your Worp for the Rent, that yor: Worp: should write a letter to me to pay the rent money here to the Divan, and send the Letter to me by the way of Lyngapa, who would send it hither, and that then he would receive said Rent; Brameny Accana is the Person that advis'd me, as abovesaid, tho your Worp: should have told Lyngapah's People, that you have already Sent the Rent hither howsoever your Worp: may write a Letter to me, as if you did order me to pay the said money here and send the said Letter to Lyngapa, to be sent

hither, and so soone as it arrives here, I will pay the Money and gett the Divans Receipt, and send it to you, and I shall keepe said 1200: Pago[ds]: by till that time.

Here is a report that the Grand Mogull Orangzeeb, departed from Barrampoor, and is arrived at Orangabad, there are expectations of troubles betweene y[e] Princes hereabouts, those Letters your Worp: sent by way of Lyngapa, to Braminees Maddana and Accana, arrived by the post Peons, y[e]: 20th: March, then the Braminees Maddana and Accana sent for me, and acquainted me of the arrivall of your Worsp[s]: Letter in answer to his and of the Tasheriffs Safe arrivall with your Worp and likewise concerning the Copper which Podula Lyngapa sent to yo[r]: Worp: about, whether your Worp: could not send 10: Candy at least, and wether they could not requite your kindness some way or other to w[ch]: I answ[d]: it not being Sallabad to doe soe, and your Worp: not having the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: leave, for the same could not consent to the same, because it would be more then ordinary charges, to w[ch]: he replyed, that I should send to your Worp: to advise you to hear all that Lyngapa should write you about as if he had done it himselfe, and Now at present 'tis not soe as formerly for Lyngapa Strives continually to pick quarrells and is allways writing complaints from thence hither, and 'tis very difficult to perswade the Divan contrary to what he writes, therefore it would be better for us to give him fair words and I shall endeavour on my part to mannage it the best I can.

I have acquainted Brameny Accana of Stopping our Goods at Pallicatt and thereabouts, who told me he would write by the Post Peons to Lyngapa to observe therein according to our Sallabod, as for other matters, I shall further write to your Worp: hereafter, Your Worp: I hope will be pleased to Send me my wages due and to procure me the 157: Pago[ds]: and to lay Your Worshipps farther Commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY VIRARAGAVIAH TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R]. GOV[R]:

Having at present great fear of the Mogull here, and those of Icker having taken Bassuapatnam made the King very angry with Mahomed Ibrahim and doth designe to putt him out of his place and Brameny Maddana being at present under great considerations one can'[t] get a good opertunity to Speake to him about any thing, I gott the great Persons here to discourse him concerning the Mint buisness, who then gave his consent and hath writt to Padula Lyngapa about it, your Worp: did not then send up the money but made delayes, and tis some time Since, that too, and these people being great Persons, and so busy for the present, I shall watch an oppertunity to speake to him againe about the Same, and Shall give Your Worp: an Acco[t]: thereof after this.

As concerning Metchlep[a]: buisness Seing the Avaldar Mahomed Alli Beg is continually hindring [And] disturbing all our buisness there, and our People having writt up here about y[e] same, and a Lre to me, I gott our People's Letter read before the great People here, and spake to them as much as I could, and procur'd the Braminees Maddana Accana and the Nabobs Roccas and sent them to our People there.

TO THE RIGHT WORP[LL]: W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R].
AGENT AND GOV[R]: &c[a]. COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll]: Sir &c[a]:

Wee here inclosed remitt you our Dyary and Consultations, Acco[t]: Cash, Account Expences for the last month to which wee referr you, having none of yours to answer, this is what needfull at present from Right Worp[ll]: Sir &c[a]: Your most humble Serv[ts]: JN[O] DAVIS—SAM[LL]: WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

[P.S.] Wee are now so low in cash that wee shall want to defray the charge of the Factory as you will find by the Ballance of the last months acco^t: therefore desire you would please to order us a Supply of P[a]: 1000:

MADAPOLLAM Y[e] [6th] APRILL 1682.

METCHLEPATAM Y[E]: 6TH: APRILL 1682.

TO THE R[T]: WORSP[LL]: W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOV[R]: &C[A]: COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll]: Sir &c[a]:

The Ult[o]: wee rec[d]: yours of the 23[d]: D[o]: with the Cirkells Lre: and Translation thereof about the Factory ground Since which wee have heard nothing thereof either from the Govern[r]: or Coadjee.

Wee herew[th]: send you the Coppy of the Cirkells answer to our complaints against the Gov[r]: whereby you will see how ineffectuall our addresses have been, M[r]: Mainwaring is now with you, who procur'd our last Phyrmand, and knowes how the King refused to give it to the Comp[a]: alone, but to the English Nation, and yett now the Cirkell contrary thereto requires Freemen to Pay Junckan, which with all Submission, wee conceive to be of very ill consequence, and will in a little time make the Phyrmaund of little use to the Comp[a]: themselves, nor can wee protect those Freemen that comes to this Port w[th]: yo[r]: Pass.

Wee shall observe your [*a word or two lost*] for the future in giving you Speedy Advises of Shipps Dispatch from hence.

Robert Freeman is ready and had sett out upon his Journey towards you ere this, but could not procure Boys or Cooleys, the Dutch Govern[r]: of Pollicatt having engrossed all of Pollicull and Maddapollam but being now gott Shall be dispatched hence in two dayes.

The Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Merchants refusing to meddle with the Sail cloth this last year, Quolla Narso brought in 2: Musters w[ch]: far exceeded the former upon which, the Councell agreed with him to pay him as it should cost him with all charges which amounted to as he affirms Pago[ds]: 13½ ℔ Corge but it being customary to deduct 8 ℔ Cent on the former Musters by mistake it is deducted on this likewise w[ch]: proves to his loss and a great discouragement to him or any other, to doe the like Service, wherefore it being but an error, wee and he request the 8: ℔ Cent be reallowed him according to the Contract made, and that you would please to allow him it, and to give yo[r]: orders for the Repayment.

By our Consultation of y[e]: 23[d]: Ult[o]: you will [*a word lost*] our Merchant's resolutions as to the ensuing Investm[t]: to which wee humbly request your Orders, time of year growing late, wee Conceve the old liberty to employ such as the Councell should think fitt, might prevent such inconveniencies, but Submitt to yo[r]: Worp[s]: &c[a]: more judicious Judgements and Pleasure.

The Doubtfull Debts in these Bookes being very considerable as you may please to observe in the former Books Sent by the Bengall Merchant and none of them cleared thence but M[r]: Fleetwoods, wee desire to know whether they may all be writt off, or continued at the Ballance of these Books as likewise the Sever[ll]: Creditts of Dead mens Estats now Standing thereon, it making the Stock appear in reallity more then it is.

Herewith wee send you our Consultations, Dyary and Acco[t]: of Cash to the fine Ult[o]: and our Acco[t]: Curr[t]: to the end off ffebruary and respectfully remain.

Right Worp[ll]: Sir: &c[a]: Your very hum[ble]: Serv[ts]:

JN[O]: FFIELD—V: SAYON—R: FFR [EEMAN]—[TIM[O]: HARRIS].

P: S: Y^E 7TH: [APRILL.]

Late last Night wee rec^d: yours of the 29th: Ult^o: with Letters from Madana and his brother Accana very effectuall which wee have this Night sent to the Gover^r:, Copyes whereof and of the Egybs letter to us wee herewith send you and by Robert ffreeman shall give you an Acco^t; how the Govern^r: resents it.

J: D:—J: FF:—V. S:—R: F:—T: H.

METCHLEP^A: THE 10TH: APRILL 1682.

TO THE R^T: WORP^LL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
AGENT & GOVERN^R: &C^A; COUNCELL.

Right Worp^ll: Sir &c^a:

Our last to you was of the 7th: Currant with Consultations, Dyary and Acco^t: Cash for last month w^th: Timothy Harris's Acco^t: Curr^t: for the month of ffebruary and March and Acco^t: Curr^t: to the fine February to w^ch: wee humbly referr you.

Wee then advis'd you wee had received Letters from Madana and his brother to this Govern^r: which wee have sent him, to which he returns no other answear but that he gave us no occasion to doe so; and that he should no way hinder the Comp^as: Affairs, the latter of which wee beleive to be as true as the former, and is all one as to say, he shall continue to be like troublesome, he made demands of the Cirkells letter, which wee did not think convenient to send him, but rather with the Egyb will procure another from the Cirkell as Authentick as that from Madana, Coppies of those Letters wee sent you by last Conveyhance, a little time will manifest how this Govern^r: intends to behave himselfe, but fear some other Course must be taken with him then w^t: soever has been yett done.

This comes by M^r: Robert Freeman who having at length procured Boys and Cooleys this day sett out hence, w^ch: being the needfull at present respectfully remain Right Worp^ll: Sir &c^a: Your very hum^ble: Serv^ts.

JOHN FIELD—V: SAYON—TIM^o: HARRIS.

P: S: 11TH: APRILL

Wee have agreed for & rec^d: 300: p^s: Gulcondah Bettelaes equall with our Musters, & 6: f^s: in a peece cheaper in Truck for Lead & Broadcloth.

J: D:—J: FF:—V: S:—T: H.

TO THE RIGHT WORP^LL: WILLIAM GYFFORD
ESQ^R: AGENT & GOVERN^R: & COUNCELL.

Right Worp^ll: Sir &c^a:

Our last to you was of the 10th: & 11th: currant, since when y^e: Govr: of this Place hath seized on one of the Honble: Comp^as: Merchants, on pretence of Selling Goods to the Country People, w^th:out paying Junkan, which upon examination wee find to bee false, and have made sev^ll: Addresses to the Govern^r: to release him, but after sev^ll: delayes, he at lenght declares him to be the Kings Subject, and wee nothing to doe with him, which is quite contrary to the Kings Phyrmaund; Sugar &c^a: necessaries for the Company's use at Madapollam is Stopt at the Gate of the Towne and not permitted to pass, wax is wanting both in that and this Factory, but the Merchants forbid to sell it to us, your Order to us

to make our Complaints to Golcondah wee have complyed with but that avails not, so that wee see no remedy but refer it to you, what further Orders to give us, being there is no living at this rate, Madana hath encourag'd us in case his orders bee not obeyed to write to him again which wee have now done, sending the Letters open to you, for perusall and if approved off intreate they may be sent forward by these Peons, which being what worthy your Notice wee respectfully remaine Right Worp[ll] : Sir &c[a] : Your very humble Servants.

JOHN FFEILD—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

METCHLEP[A] : APRILL 14 : 1682.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM THE SHABANDER OF NARSAPORE MEIR NURULL HUDAW TO THE R[T] : WORP[LL] : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] :

NOE DATE.

By your Worp[s] : Love I enjoy good health and doe heartily wish to heare the like from your Worp : as concerning what the Avaldar of Narsapore hath writt to yo[r] : Worp : about Pindacundula Jaggapah and Eramchitte Jaggapa, is very true for I know it to be soe, I should have then writt to your Worp : but that I was then at Metchlep[a] : and when I return'd hither again and enquiring about it, the s[d] : Avaldar told me that he had writt already as I doe the same now, which you may please to consider of, all the differences are bred by Sanco Narso, Manga Rajoo, and Poto Raja Ramana, which otherwise the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : buisness would goe on very well, yet their buisness goes on as formerly, Said Sanco Narso hath brought some 22 : or 23 : boats laden with Paddy to trade with, and having not payd the Divans Duroy, yett he carryed the Paddy to his house, and the Timber boats being Stopt, the Avaldar of Metchlep[a] : having sent order to release them, it was immediately done, all these differences are bred by those 3 : said Persons, yet the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : buisness doth not perish, they doe trade more then the Comp[a] : themselves I write herein to your Worp : what I know of this buisness you may please to consider it, entreating the continuance of your Worp's love towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM Y[E] : AVALDAR OF NARSAPORE NARSURULA BEAGUE TO THE RIGHT WORP[LL] : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R] : GOVERN[R] :

NOE DATE.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from your Worp : there having come some boates with Paddy from the Coast of Carlinga to the Port of Narsapore the Dubash Sanco Narso appointed those boates to come to Anchor at the Banksall and when the Boatemen where asked whome they did belong to, they answre'd to Sanco Narso, the names of the Boatmen are viz[t]. Cawsha Narashim, Biruda Gangaya, Garugu Buggana, Vinte Narasaya, &c[a] : Merchants, when these Men were ask'd whose Paddy it was ? they gave for answer, that it was said Sanco Narso's, and the next day following, the Cheife for the English here, sent word, that the Paddy in the boats did belong to him, and that I should give him leave to land the Paddy, to which I reply'd the said Paddy was not his, but said Narso's, but if y[e] : Paddy had belonged to him, they would have carryed the Boates to the Comp[as] : Banksall, the Paddy was Narso's for which reason (the Junkan being due to us) I ordered a Duroy to be layd upon it, and then the English Cheife that resides here to favour Said Narso's in contempt of the Divans Duroy landed the Paddy, and because they did so in despite of the Kings Duroy there being 2 : boates going laden with Timbers I stopt them, and ever since I and the English Cheif could never agree after which the Avaldar of

Metchlep[a]: having orderd me to free the [2 :] Timber boates I did it accordingly and 8 : dayes after the English Cheife came to my house, and wee both being discoursing, the English Cheifs Dubash, and the Escrivan brought a writing saying, that some which belonged to y[e] : English writt y[t] : paper to me. You may please to know that y[e]: Dubash Sanco Narso, hath brought some Paddy boates w[ch] : many People both Merchants and others know of, and the Cheif for the English did favour him soe far that he did not intend to pay y[e] : Divans Customes, & I being resolv'd to take the Custome I layd the Duroy, but he did not take notice thereof, but landed the Paddy for w[ch] : reason he and I differ'd, and as far as I doe observe in the English Cheif, he doth not seem to be an understanding person in matters of buisness and Government.*

METCHLEP[A] : 22[d] : APRILL 1682.

TO THE R[T]: WORP[LL]: W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOVERNOUR, &C[A]: COUNCELL.

Right Worp[ll]: Sir &c[a] :

Our last to you advis'd of this Govern[rs] : Seizing one of the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : Merchants and now he proceeds to the threatning our boatemen contrary to all Custome, and the Kings Phyrmaund granted us, how much further he will goe either to the Hon[ble] : Comp[as]: Estate or our own Persons, wee are not certain, but little time will produce, wee having neither Liberty nor Power as formerly to maintain our Priviledges, and he is a Person that none of the Officers or Merchants dare advise or Speak to, w[ch] : is no small trouble to those of us that have known the Comp[as] : Priviledges formerly to see them thus now encroacht upon and allmost utterly invalid, and the Phyrmaund which has cost the Comp[a]: such a vast Sum̃e of money to become so insignificant, and intreat what orders you shall think best for redress of these abuses, our Merchants and Servants in this place being expos'd to many affronts and abuses which renders not onely the affairs of this Place, but our Selves ridiculous, neither can wee expect long to have either Merchants or Servants to the English, they as good as telling us already that they are not bound to Suffer by waitting upon us Since wee cannot Protect them as formerly and this not for one or two by many of them.

From the Govern[r] : of Pollicatt (now with us) wee are informed that by their Europe advises of $\frac{25}{15}$ July past that the State affairs of England & Holland are in tranquillity and that the Duke of Brandenburgh does now intend a Trade for the East Indies, this year and to Settle a Trade at Gombroon and some part of China, which the Dutch esteem by their discourse to be more then a Princely vanity and that they will not be able to procure any great advantage thereby to continue it long.

Wee shall add no more but respectfully remain R[t] : Worp[ll] : Sir &c[a] : Your very humble Serv[ts] :

JOHN FFIELD—V. SAYON—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Postcript :

Further treating with the Govern[r] : is cutt off he threatning to Chastise the next Messenger that comes to him on any of these Acco[ts] :

The Orphans of M[r] : Hatton going hence to Madapollam the Peons at the Gate contrary to all Custome made the Cooley pay 20 : cash.

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* Wittness to the writeing of Said Dost Mahomed Mahomed Azingbeg Avardeneny Groapah Copula Appana Midda Guddantty Narsapa Veppa Paupaya Guddan [Hd.] Mallaya.

MADAPOLLAM YE: 24: APRILL 1682.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVERR: &CA: COUNCELL.

Right Worpll: Sr: &ca:

Yours of the 29th: past came to hand the 8th: Instant, wee understand that what wee wrote you concerning those Persons that had occasioned the Stop of ye Compas: timber found soe little credit with yu: as to be Suspected a feigned thing, & done out of revenge, being persons yt: had made some complaints to yu: wee thought ye: paper wee had sent yu: concerning ye: buisness attested by so many persons of repute & credit, would have been sufficient evidences to have proved their guilt therein, as to their Bond given the Govr: for Pa: 500: if it could be proved agst: ym: they well knew, yt: would be a means yt: some of ym: might have liberty to returne where they could prevaile wth: the Govr: of Narsapoor, to renounce what he done in giving us ye: information sent him by them for a much less Sume, wch: accordingly succeeded, for by giving him and his Brameny 200: Pagods: they obtained a paper under his hand wherein he disownes yt: ever they informed him of any such thing wee leave it to you to judge of the Rougery of these fellowes, who have so much abused ye: Compa: & us in endeavoring to deprive ym: of their priviledges & us of our reputation.

Wee hope you will so well consider of wt: ill consequence it will be to ye: Honble: Compa: & disrepute to us, to lett such abuses go unpunish't, yt: yu: will make the offenders severe Examples, otherwise wee shall allwayes be subject to abuses & affronts from ye: Govrs: when they find there is no regard to our complaints.

As to matter of consequence touching com[plaints] given in agst: us, wch: yu: say remains Still to be enquired into. Wee are ready to obey yor: Sumons to answer thereto, or to whome you: shall order to enquire therein & if found tardy in any respect Shall submitt to yor: pleasure, if not, hope you will doe us Justice on whome wee stand accused by, what goods own'd by us was properly our owne being Paddy wch: wee sent for to Gingerlee, on the arrivall of wch: wee sent for Licence to ye: Govr: of Narsapoor for landing it, the duties of the River belonging to him, wch: he refused to give pretending it was other Peoples Goods, and belonged not to ye: English, for wch: he demanded custome, from wch: wee are exempted being a priviledge granted by the Kings Phyrmaund, & therefore thought it not reason to comply wth: his unjust demands therein, but to order ye: landing thereof.

Mr: Wheeler being orderd to reside in Mr: Ramsden's place wee orderd him to deliver over ye: remains of ye: warehouse over to him yt: they might be examin'd before his departure, wch: he refused to doe Saying he had no possitive order for it, the words in yor: Lre running thus, he may deliver up his charge, wch: he tooke in this Sence that he might or might not, wch: certainly was not left to his choice, if it had those words would not have been included, for it consequently followes: that the person order'd in his Employment ought to have the charge thereof, delivered over to him, wch: wee desire you will please to order Mr: Ramsden to deliver over, wth: ye: books thereunto belonging wch: ought to remain as Registers in ye: Factory.

Last night 3: of the Compas: Godownes were burned downe, and 1: some few days since by what accident wee cannot learne tho a Peon kept there alwaies for prevention thereof, they stood some distance from the Factory, & where for ye: washers use, to keepe & dress ye: cloth in, deliver'd to ym: ttill ready for sorting, the time approaching wherein there will be ocasion to make use of them, wee shall order the rebuilding thereof, & have ym tiled for ye better security thereof, being before thatched, wch: wee hope you will not disaprove.

This being ye: needfull at present wee remain. Right Worpll: Sir &ca:
Your most humble Servts: JNO: DAVIS—SAM: WALES—JAMES WHEELER.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM THE AVALDAR OF PORTO NOVO NAMED YEADAVA VENAICU TO THE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: GOVERR:

NOE DATE

RECD: 20TH: MAY 1682.

Here being a Ship belonging to Abdul Cawdee one of ye: Guzuratt Cast in our Part here came one named Capt: Britto from Chinnapatnam to me & made his agreemt: as followeth. Wee have sent for 4: Merchants to talk concerning lading Goods upon ye: above sd: Ship for Bantam, to carry her there & bring her back again to this Port & have agreed abt: it, but ye: sd: Capt: Britto did not return hither & wth out our order went to ye: bay of Bengall & came again for Chinnapatnam where he talked wth: a Spaniard & went for ye: Manilas from whence he returnd for Chinnapm: so I desire yor: Worp: would be pleased to send for Sd: Abdull Coggee's people wch: are wth: you: to yor: presence, & before them to make an end of ye: Accte: & differences between ye: sd: Spaniard & Britto as you: shall find just & right, & if it cannot be made an end of there you may then please to send hither ye: sd: Spaniard & Britto, & sd: Abdull Coggee's Servants, ye: owner of ye: Ship being here, & besides here being Sevll: Merchants yt: have Ships, I shall gett them to make an end of yt: buisness according to reason and Justice, & send them away, wherefore may it please you: to send ym: here.

Right Worpll: Sr: &ca: RECD: MAY 21ST: 1682.

On the 31st: January sent a pair of Cossetts towards you wth: 2: Packetts from ye: Honble: Compa: wch: wee hope came safe to yor: hands, & having since recd: others for you (wch: wee presume may be their Coppies) take ye: oppertunity of this conveighance, of a french Ship bound to yor: Coast, to forward them, wch: is wt: offers at prsent from Your very Affeconate freinds.

JNO: CHILD—JNO: PETTIT—GEORGE BOWCHER—FRAS: DAY.

Surrat 31st: March 1682.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM GOPALL DARJEE PUNDITT TO YE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: GOVR:

MAY 16TH: 1682.

RECD: 21ST: DO.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from yor: Worp: I recd: yor: Lre: yor: Worsp: sent me & observ'd ye: contents thereof. Your Worp wrote me therein, that you had a desire to discourse both with Codaloor, & Porto Novo Merchants, & therefore you desired me to send them with ye: person that brought me the Letter, and yt: I should order ye: Avaldar of each place, abt: ye: same, ye: custome of our Divan is not to send ye: Merchts: from one place to another, & if your Worp: should desire to send ym: thither, in regard of our freindship wee can neither do it wthout our Masters leave, wch: is ye Reason of our delay, Your Worp: may assure yor: Selfe that whatsoever buisness you shall designe, it shall be done according to yor: hearts content, wherefore you may please to Send hither such Persons as you shall thinck fitt to gett yor: intended buisness done here, as for other matters I referr you to Narran & Maddana, You may please to acquaint me with the news of your good health, and lay your commands upon me.

To the R^{T}: Worp^{LL}: W^{M}: Gyfford Esq^{R}:
Agent & Gov^{R}: &c^{A}: Councell.

Madapollam y^{E}: 3 : May 1682.
Rec^{D}: 23 : D^{O}:

Right Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

Wee have rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 20th: & 27th: past y^{e}: 6th: & 7th: currant, to w^{ch}: wee shall in few days give answer.

Wee have rec^{d}: Pag^{ds}: 25000 : wth: a parcell of Gold chains, & 30 : Yards of Scarlett from yor: Peons, whome wee have dispatched towards you, w^{ch}: wee shall dispose of according to your Orders.

Wee now remitt you our Dyary & Consultations, for y^{e}: past month, wth: the Acc.^{t}: Expences, y^{e}: Acco^{t}: Cash, kept open to bring in what money due for goods Sold out of y^{e}: Warehouse, y^{t}: it may be brought into these books; wee shall not add further at present save the tender of our respects from R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}: Your most humble Servants Jno: Davis—Sam : Wales—James Wheeler.

P :S :—James Wheeler humbly requesteth the Agent & Councells Permission to come up to y^{e}: Fort next month on his owne Charge, an extraordinary occasion calling him there, & a vacancy of buisness presenting here & to returne again ℘ first Ship.

J. Wheeler.

Metchlep^{A}: y^{E}: 11TH: May 1682.
Rec^{D}: 23 : D^{O}:

To y^{E}: Right Worp^{LL}: W^{M}: Gyfford Esq^{R}:
Agent & Gov^{R}; &c^{A}: Councell.

R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

Wee rec^{d}: your Letter of y^{e}: 27th: Aprill past in answer to our Severalls formerly w^{ch}: wee shall punctually observe so far as our power reaches, & shall defer answering in particular till wee have brought our Merchants to a conclusive determination, about the Investment & knew the resolution of our Govern^{r}: for his carriage in y^{e}: Honble : Comp^{as}: Affairs, which wee have much reason to suspect from his severe proceedings in sending for the Mulla to abuse him and seizing one of our under Merchants but nothing either of curtesy or just complyances shall be wanted to overcome the exorbitancy of his humour.

Wee have awaited your orders concerning the writing off of our doubtfull debts but not coming till the close of our books, to hand and the time of the year being of Ballancing them wee have accordingly performed it, the ballance of y^{m}: & Coppy of the Acco^{ts}: Currant, Vincent Sayon will deliv^{r}: yor: Worp : &c^{a}: ffrancis Bett being now busy in Transcribing them to be sent to the ffort w^{ch}: will Speedily bee done.

Wee herewith send yor: Wors : &c^{a}: our Dyary's Consultations Acco^{t}: Cash, & Timothy Harris Acco^{t}: Currant for the month past, which is what of buisness occurs wee respectfully remain Right Worp^{ll} : Sir &c^{a}: Your very humble Serv^{ts}: John ffield—V. Sayon—Timothy Harris.

To y^{E}: R^{T}: Worp^{LL}: W^{M}:. Gyfford Esq^{R}:
Agent & Gov^{R}: &c^{A}: Councell.

R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

In ours of y^{e}: curr^{t}; wee advised the receipt of yours of the 27th: Aprill last to which wee shall now more particularly reply.

It is true wee did understand yor: Worp : &c^{a}: to mean further Orders concerning the Contract but however had not our Merchants proved refractory the Investm^{t}: had begun before those Letters of yours, had come to our hands, they still continue the same as you will see by our Consultations of the 11th: &

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12th: curr^{t}: to w^{ch}: wee humbly referr you, wee have sent for the Pettipoly Merch^{ts}: whereof y^{e}: Tarraga Musla whome you mention is one but as yett they are not arrived, but w^{t}: can be done shall not be neglected by us, but tho wee are not certain, yett wee fear y^{e}: Gov^{rs}: abuses is one reason the Merchants will not comply, since if wee can't better protect them, they must gett the more by us to pay his unreasonable demands on them, he hath lately taken from the Merch^{ts}: wee advised you he had Seized on 90: pag^{ds}: and upon receipt of your Lr̃e to him Seized our Cheife boateman and hath taken from him 240: p^{as}: and both these wthout any reason but his pleasure lett his pretences be what they will, as can be made appear if people dare Speake but he so tyranizeth that every man is afraid of him, all the boatemans buisness is ab^{t}: a Cast, in w^{ch}: Severall men besides him was concerned but both the Complainer absented himselfe and all others cleared only our Boateman and he wth:out any examination of the truth or reasonableness of the accusation, forced to pay so much money, for w^{ch}: they had pawned their boates, and if not soone releived wee shall loose them, and pay y^{e}: country price, but then cannot expect Boates at command as now wee have, nor dare wee lend the men money to release their Boats leat [lest?] the Govern^{r}: thereby be encouraged to seize our Servants round upon confidence the English will repay w^{t}ever money he forceth from our people, two dayes since he sent a great freind of his to discourse with the Cheife to whome wee shewed the Kings Phyrmaund by w^{ch}: our Merchants &c^{a}: was not to bee molested by the Govr: w^{ch}: he tooke great Notice off and went presently to him but since hear nothing more, the Ancient remedys w^{ch}: hath taken effect hath been by deserting y^{e}: place, or having Ships & Vessells in the road and Since you are pleased to encourage us, wee esteeme a small Vessell sent to lay some time in this road to stop all Boates or Ships going out or in, and wee ashoar to goe off or repair to another ffactory would soon bring this to a better pass and also to have privately in Chests brought a Shoar 3: or 4: gunns of ab^{t}: 300: w^{t}: each as the dutch did, and have them now planted in their ffactory & some Souldiers as they have to be constantly here, this would a little aw the Govr: and keepe all in a better posture, the Gunns and powder not to be known but brought up as other good and kept privately till occasion as the Dutch did, the reason why wee mention powder is because there is none good to be had in these parts as in former years and that there is (w^{ch}: turns to a Cinder) [p^{a} 80] ꝑ Cand upwards ꝑ Candy, and being made in these parts is wth. difficulty brought into the Towne, thus wee have presumed on your Com̃ands to give our Opinions, but humbly leave it to your more Judicious Judgments what to order for prevention of these insufferable abuses from y^{e}: Govern^{r}:

Having not yet made our contract wee cannott tell w^{t}: money wee shall have occasion for but when done if they at Maddapollam want it they shall [have] w^{t}: wee can Spare before receipt of yours our E Books were closed, but in our next Shall observe your Orders concerning the doubtfull debts and Creditts in our books but none of the Comp^{s}. p^{r}sent Servants are endebted to them and those that were their Serv^{ts}: are either dead or gone from hence.

Wee shall also observe w^{t}: you write about M^{r}: Wynnes debt, and pay the overplus to his overseers when demanded, & also comply wth: your orders concerning the Silver from Madapollam, tho wee did the Company good Service in it, as the books will make appeare and Since their occasions required present money that they could not stay for it from your Worp̄: and wee lett them have 11000: Pago^{ds}: ere wee rec^{d}: any Silver and rune all hazards the Comp^{a}: not having 4000: Pago^{ds}: in Cash wee request the Interest of that money bee allowed and your orders for our carrying it. Wee observed what comodities the Hono.^{ble}: Comp^{a}: are pleased to appropriate to themselves, & shall be carefull not to deale in them.

Your letter to this Govr: wee sent by our Dubash & your peons, who hath Sent you an answer some dayes past by Peons of his owne with whome wee sent yours, and he Tasheriffed your peons but soe poorely that truely wee esteeme it more an Affront then any respect, but Shall say no more, but as it is our duty refer it to y^{r}: Selves.

Our Merchants here were upon drawing up Complaints against this Govr: to send you but then considering how near the Mulla was to come to damage for writeing at our command, and that it is not knowne yett how soon he may bee a Sufferer, they are afraid, and request us to write you their complaints & that they cannot live or doe any buisness for the Comp^{a}: long exept Some course be taken with this Villanie of a Governour who vallues noth what he doth. Indeed his abuses are very many and too tedious to be inserted here but shall send you a list of some of them apart if required yett all this shall be no hindrance in our proceedings on the Investment; if our Merchants will but comply or wee can procure others that are able but truly by y^{e}: Insolencys of this Govr: the Towne is now very bare and those Merchants that are noe encourgement to deale with.

Wee observe what you writt concerning a publique Table w^{ch}: shall be followed the next month dyett money being given for this ere your Orders came, but for the docters Servant he is a Gentue, and his wages far less then his dyett money, and therefore as formerly shall give him his wages.

Wee have sent you 2 : bills of lading for each Ship that wee laded goods on, the third is here as Customary, in the Bengalls bill of lading is incerted the bale of Musters N°: 26.

Wee have perused our Gennerall to the Company and all wee meant, w^{ch}: wee humbly presume the Sence will bear, was to accquaint them wth: Inconveniences of begining the Investment So late as usually practised and that wee intended otherwise to which end money must be given out if required but wee did beleeve our Merchants would not take up any at Interest being monyed men.

Wee have not more to add worthy your Notice [than] respectfully to remain Right Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Your very humble Serv^{ts}: John ffield—Timothy Harris.

Wee entreat you to consider the few hands wee have, and that the former Agents order is to send up only abstracts of the former Ships Invoice wee did of one if not two, however Shall endeavour to comply with your Order for the future but entreat you if possible to supply us with more hands by the Ships. Coppies of the Invoyes Shall follow in few dayes.

Id. J. ff.

Metchlepatam May 18 : 1682.

Maddapollam ye 16 : May 1682.

To the R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: W^{m} : Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Govr: &c^{a}: Councell.

Right Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee shall now Give answear to yours of the 20th: & 27th: Aprill, having Summoned y^{e}: Merchants and debated the buisness of abatements on their goods, as proposed to you by the dubash & Brameny, the Merchants haveing unanimously agreed and consented to allow of 5 ℘ Cent on the coarse goods & 2 : ℘ Cent on the fine goods, they were also acquainted y^{t}: according to agreem^{t}: made with yo^{u}: they were oblidged to take off such Europe goods as you should be pleased to send them, on the [prices] that should be agreed on to the amo^{t}: of p^{a}: 5000 : in part of this years Investment, and to the amo^{t}: of p^{as}: 10000 : the next year, and also, that for w^{t}: ever sum̃es of money they should desire to be Supplied with before hand on acc^{t}: of the Investm^{t}: they were to allow 8 : ℘ cent ℘ ann̄. Interest, to w^{ch} : Wodina Grua objected that he had never ordered Such proposalls to be made nor would not engage to take off any thing in Europe Goods nor to allow 8 ℘ Cent Interest ℘ annũ : for w^{t}: money should be advanced to him before hand on Acco^{t}: of the Investment, but what was formerly allowed he was willing to allow being 6 : ℘ Cent to w^{ch}: was answer'd that wee could pay no money on that Acco^{t}: untill further order from you concerning it, thus having been acquainted on w^{t}: termes they were to take the Investm^{t}: wee then proceeded to make the Contract w^{ch} : y^{e}: Merchants were given to understand was in all Sorts of goods to be the Same as order'd to be provided the last year, which they desired some time to consider of, the 9th: Currant they delivered in an acco^{t}: of what Goods

they were willing to undertake for, being in the Severall Sorts to the full quantity of w^{t}: required to be provided except 10000 : p^{s}: of Longcloth Ordinary, w^{ch}: hath been earnestly debited with them to undertake for, but they will not be brought to engage for it, promiseing they will endeavour w^{t}: possible to compleat the whole.

The Merchants where acquainted that notwithstanding the abatement they had made on the Goods, they were in their Severall Species to be as good as the Musters that the[y] had agreed on, w^{ch} : were all laid before them to w^{ch} : they agreed.

The contract being agreed on the whole Investm^{t}: was divided into 10 : Shares Viz^{t} to Madina Grua & Comp^{a} : $\frac{1}{4}$: part, to the old Merch^{ts} $\frac{3}{4}$: parts, w^{ch} : orderd to be Signed by the Merchants,

Wadona Grua having been sent to every day Since the conclusion of the contract with him &c^{a}: Merchants to come & signe it, hath not to this day appeared in the factory, w^{ch} : wee cannot but resent very ill from him, that he should not give his attendance when so often sent for, w^{ch}: is a very great peice of disrespect to us, and not allowable in any employed in the Comp^{as}: affairs, who ought to give all due attendance when required thereunto, but wee suppose the reason he absents is not being willing to undertake his proportion of the Investment on y^{e} : tearms proposed, wee have therefore thought fitt that there may be no longer delayes, and y^{t} : our buisness may not be at uncertanties, to order y^{t}: the old Merch^{ts} : be sommoned again; & that the whole Investment be proposed to them, w^{ch} : was accordingly done, and after some debate wth: them they were willing to undertake for the whole, & to take off this year, to the amo^{t} : of Pago^{s}: 5000 : in Europe goods, and the next year to the amo^{t}: of p^{as}: 10000 : if they shall undertake for the Investment, but they will not agree nor consent to allow more then 6 ℔ cent Interest for the money that shall be advanced to them beforehand, wee therefore entreat your Speedy order.

Wee have thought fitt to agree with the old Merchants for the whole Investm^{t}: (who have signed the Contract) fearing if wee should not come to a speedy conclusion therein, they might fly off as Wodana Grua has done whom in regard to your Orders wee have not excluded from his $\frac{1}{4}$ part, if he shall agree to hold it on the same conditions the others Merchants have done, if not wee presume it will be most for the Comp^{as} : advantadge, that y^{e} : whole Investment be mannaged by them.

You have been very much misinformed that after the goods were Sorted the last year that the lower nombers were put upon y^{e} : higher. Wee therefore desire that you would please to send us downe, some body that may according to yor : order, look after the packing the Goods after Sorted, here being not one person to spare to bee employed therein.

As to matter of ye Error in the Acco^{t} : of cash it shall be rectifyed and Cash made D^{r} : to Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : Fort S^{t} : George, for what money rec^{d} : from Metchlepatam, on acco^{t} : of Silver Sold them and Acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : made debtor for the Silver sent thither which will bring y^{t} : acco^{t} : right.

The particulars you advice brought Short to your Creditt in our last bookes, was an omission before our time, w^{ch} : care shall be taken that they be brought to yor : Creditt in these bookes.

Here are often Stoppages of our Goods in y^{e} : Country, w^{ch} : to release have occasioned many presents to the Gov^{rs} : w^{ch} : is a considerable charge to the Comp^{a} : w^{ch} : to avoyd wee shall write to your Egyb at Golcondah as you have order'd to see if he can procure orders at court for remedying y^{e} : like for the future but wee fear little will bee effected thereby, they at Court winking at the rougeryes of the under Gov^{rs} :, and all the redress that can be obtained from them is nothing more then a plausible Story that they have forbid them impeading the Comp^{as} concerns, w^{ch} : notwithstanding the Gov^{rs} : Still persist in the like abuses wthout the least regard to their Orders, having the last year made Sev^{ll} : Complaints to Hossa Beague of our goods being Stopt, w^{ch} : he orderd the release of, yet were forced to make Sev^{ll} : presents before the free passage thereof could be obtained.

Wee have order'd the Merchants that as near as possible they bring in the just quantity of each Sort Contracted for with them, thereby to avoyd the making up what they shall fall short in one sort of goods with another Sort, that so there may not be a greater quantity of some Sorts of goods provided, and a less quantity of other Sorts then you require, but some Sorts of goods happen to be so bad that a great quantity is forced to be throwne out, being below the Muster, wch: if not made up in some other Sort wee shall not onley fall short in the quantity of peices required of each Sort but also in the Amot: of the Investmt: you: order to be made.

As to the Timbers invoiced to be sent you by Allum Pausas boat wee shall observe to give you: Credit for the amount thereof.

What you advise concerning a Genell: Table that it would be less charge then to dyett our Selves wee thinck it not convenient being for the most part marryed, and tho our charge doth much more exceed your allowances yet are wee better content to provide for each one their family apart then to pay the overplus that keeping a Gennerall Table would amount to more then our allowances.

Wee observe what you: advise concerning ye: Companys appropriating to themselves Severall Comodities, wch: before they gave their Servants the Liberty of trading in, Vizt: as Musk in Codd or out of Codd, Persia raw Silks &ca: but wee Shall give due observance to this as all other orders.

Wee shall use all endeavours for making full returns of wt: Stock you Shall please to consigne hither and our outmost endeavours shall not be wanting for the early compleating the Investment given us in charge in order to giving the Ships a speedy dispatch hence. Wee shall advise our freinds in the Bay wt: Tonnaage wee expect will be provided here, please therefore to send us an Accot: how many peicees of each Sort goeth to the Tonn.

Hossan Beague is suddenly expected downe in these parts, whom it's thought will give the Factory a vizitt in his way, wee therefore desire to know yor: pleasure how you will please to order wee receive him, and to wt: amount you thinck fit he be presénted, wee desire you would please to send us by the first Ship, halfe a dozen peices of Scarlett & a Dozn: of Looking Glasses Severall Sizes for the Govrs: will expect their annuall presents when the Investment is commenced, otherwise wee Shall meet wth: continuall Obstructions therein. This being the needfull at p'rsent wee remain Right Worpll: Sir &ca: Your most humble Servts: Jno: Davis—Sam: Wales—J. Wheeler.

P.S.

This evening at 5 a clock after Sealing the Packett Wodana Grua came to the Factory, who after a long debate wth: him for taking his proportion of the Europe Goods, he did at 9: a clock deliver unto us a paper, directed to you where-in he has declared that he will not engage for any Part of the Investment, if anything of Europe goods be imposed upon him, wch: Letter wee herewith remitt you referring it to your considerations, Jno: Davis—Sam: Wales—James Wheeler.

Translate of Lre Mahomed Alli Begg Avaldar of Metchlepa: to the Rt: Worpll: William Gyfford Esqr: Governr.

Wthout date
Recd: 23rd: May } 1682
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When I gott yor: Worps: Lre. read I heartily rejoyced at the kind expressions therein and the good news of yor: wellfare, I observ'd wt: yor: Worp: writt me concerning yor: Compns: affairs and the Cheif here, you may please to assure your Selfe the Compas: buisness goes on in the same manner as formerly and rather better and as for all goods (by yor: Ships) either exported or imported they are

carryed to or from on board w^{th}: out any hindrance and besides what goods the English are minded to buy up in the country they doe buy and bring them and what Merchandizes they are minded to send up in the countrey they do it freely, without being hindred by any and when the Monsoone is for the dispatch of your Ship I doe assist your People here as much as lyes in my power to forward yor: buisness and when the English send any of yor: goods to Golcondah they pay no more then 1 : $Pago^{d}$: for every Coubadam Ox, it being so, how were they hindred ? All the English that ever came here to this very time I allwayes Shewed them all respect imagineable giving them Tashriffs, and never failed them in their desires, now the new Cheif for this place named M^{r}: ffeild is a coarse and Stubborn man he is dayly overtaken in drinck & leaves all the buisness here in the hands of his bad Dubashes for all the Dubashees here are Sons of Whores of a spurious issue begott with a bad [*Lacuna in the Original*] and none in this world like them for they will not permit the Trade to goe on according to Sallabad but they doe endeavour to contrive many new fashions to make themselves Masters of all the Customes of this place, if they doe designe to doe unlawfull things contrary to Sallabad how can they be permitted ? the Boatmen Inhabitants of this place did allways use to fetch Paddy upon their Boats and pay Custome to the Divan to y^{e}: amo^{t} : of 20 : pag^{ds}: ₱ boate, and the s^{d} : Dubashes take 5 : pag^{ds} : ₱ Boat as a bribe and for a colour they say the goods are the Englishs's, & besides they take bribes from Sev^{ll}: others, & for what they contract with y^{e}: Inhabitants of this place they doe not (as they ought) Stand to their $agreem^{t}$: but play the knave & warys them, were y^{y}: well drub'd after a thro examination, 'twould be much better for it is to no purpose to keepe Such Dubashes which will receive bribes, therefore you would doe well to turn them away for otherwise they will doe w^{t} : they please and whereas there are entertain'd above 100 : Dubashes in the Service by reason of M^{r}. ffields want of witt, and therefore they designing to act such new customes to take to themselves the revenues w^{ch}: belong to the Allumpana, all people are desirous to gett money but to gett it unjustly is not good for a pittyfull Dubash to colour other body's goods in his name and imbesill the Divans revenue how can wee forbear taking notice of such things, but whereas the master of Such Dubashes being a person of little wit they doe endeavour what they can to gather money, I did freindly advise M^{r}. ffield to act in the same manner as his Predecessors did according to Sallabad but he would not hear me because he likes the Dubashes'advice because in regard the Dubashes doe give him the brib'd money without his taking any trouble at all, If I were to acquaint yor: Worp̃ : with all their bad actions and unreasonable words 10: Such pa₱s : would hardly be enough ; how much could I write to your Worp̃ : of their undiscreet words, coveteousness and their intermedleing with things not belonging to them ? and besides you may please to lett me know whether you keepe the Cheife of $Metchlepat^{m}$: to do your trad and Merchandice or to Share the Divan's revenue betwixt himselfe & Dubashes, the former $Govern^{rs}$: of $Chinnapat^{m}$: when they sent any [Cheif] for Metchlepatam they used to send a wise man and one that understood the buisness and one that knew how to discourse amongst men and knew good from bad, it has been now ab^{t} : 2 : years since here dyed 2 : or 3 : Cheifs but the present Cheife is not acqnainted w^{th}: the customes of $Metchlep^{a}$: & besid[e]s you have appointed to be cheife one that is not fitt for buisness, wanting wisdome, who knows not himselfe, and one that, understandeth not anothers humor but one that hears the Dubashes onely, and one that lookes onely his owne Interest, for the s^{d}: Dubashes are meerely employed for his owne advantadge but not for the $Comp^{as}$: the $Govern^{rs}$: of $Chinapat^{m}$: did use to come hither to settle the $Comp^{as}$: buisness, and by the Almighties assistance if your Worp̃ : doth come hither in like manner then you will well enforme yor : Selfe of y^{e}: Dubashees buisness, & of the Chiefs wisdome, and then you will likewise know all the actions of the people whether they doe it for the $Comp^{as}$: Interest or their owne private ends but these people have writt to yor: Worp̃ a misinformation and so you remain Sattisfyed with them, to w^{ch}: I desire you to hear the following Proverb, whether one can be so well satisfyed with hearing as seeing, but whereas you have none at the present, w^{ch} :

know how to manage buisness here & therefore you sent such a wittless and unfitt person for Cheif of this place, he knows not what belongs to Government, for all business depends upon the Dubashes, if by the Almighty's assistance yo[r]: Worp: should come hither at any time you will come to know of those peoples actions and business neither yo[r]: Worp: nor myselfe must beleive such Dubashes words and whensoever you shall please to lay yo[r]: commands upon me you may assure yo[r]: selfe that I shall doe yo[r]: Comp[as]: business better then ever 'twas done before, w[th]: out any delay I do wish yo[r]: Worp[s]: good and freindshipp and will take no notice of those people, what can I write to yo[r]: Worp: for the present but the wishes of your freindship.

Translate of a Lre: from our Brameny Egyp Virabagaviah to y[e]. R[t]: Worp[ll]: W[m]: Gyfford Esq[r]: Gov[r]:

Dated y[e]: 17: May } 1682.
Rec[d]:— 3: June }

The 11th: curr[t]: his Highness the Allumpenah came to Brameny Madana's house and tooke away the ShaLascars ship from Mahomed Ibrahim, & gave it to Brameny Accana who ordered Bramine Lyngapa to take upon him the Governm[t]: from Kistna river as far as all the Carnatica countrey as Nabob Yeeknam Cawn had formerly, and made him the Cheife person of all those countreys for w[ch]: purpose sent him an Elephant, 2: horses, Tashriffs and a sword, besides many other honours w[ch]: were confer'd him, having likewise orderd by his Highness's Phyrmaunds and Roccas to Bondalelu Shawhe and Shancarja &c[a]: [...] Cap[ts]: of horse and Manivars to be under the command of Podula Lyngapah but to Mahomed Ibrahim gave him only the Cirkells shipp with the pay of 1000: horse and gave him Tasheriffs, moreover hath order'd all the Higibs that are here belonging to y[e]: Camps and all the Bramines bookekeepers to goe to Podula Lyngapa and to remain with him as 'twas formerly under the Nabob Yeeknam Cawn wherefore it is very necessary to keepe a fitt person of the Comp[as]: to be by Podula Lyngapa which otherwise if the English Egyb should remain here by the Divan instead of being there he will thinke that wee will never take any notice of him seeing all the Egybs are gone to him he will write hither to send me to him likewise and then if I should not say that there is one of our Comp[as]: Egybs already there by Lyngapa I shall not be able to remain here for if one doth not remain at Court our Chinapat[m]: & Metchlep[a]: business will not goe well for if wee have no body here at Court Lyngapa will easily doe with us what he pleaseth, Lyngapah will seeke all means to entangle us as much as in him lyes wherefore may it please yo[r]: Worp: to send to Podula Lyngapa an Egyb for the Comp[a]: as soone as possible may be my brother Ramana and my uncle Wardapa are there with yo[r]: Worp: and you may please to send w[ch]: the 2: you like best, the reason wherefore I thought fitt to write to your Worp: to send one of my relations there, is because I being here and one of my owne Relations there 'twill be a means to have our business goe both here and there too, when the people heare we are sending the s[d]: people to Lyngapa here mov'd a discourse and I told the great men here that one of our Comp[a]: Egibs was with Podula Lyngapa, wherefore may it please yo[r]: Worp: to send one thither as soon as possible may be & advise me thereof that I may know it.

I have rec[d]: those Lrés: yo[r]: Worp: sent by two conveyances and have observ'd the contents thereof and have desired Bramine's Madana & Accana to order Roccas to be written to the Avaldar of Metchlep[a]: which I shall writt suddenly & send them.

As concerning my former wages due you writt me 'twas entered in y[e]: Comp[as]: bookes & that it could not be alter'd so that yo[r]: Worp: hath saved yo[r]: Comp[a]: 8: or 9: months wages having been p[d]: before about 18: months wages of which there remained the sume of 70: pag[ds]: at the Coultry, concerning which I make my request to yo[r]: Worp: and not for any thing else I desire no

more then my due for the time I have been in the Comp^{as}: Service, your Worp is a just Person who hath accordingly made the former Govern^{r}: to returne again what money he tooke unjustly from divers persons & thereby you have gott to you^{r}: selfe the name of a just person, what great wages have I allowed me! for what great man am I! if in this small matter I am serv'd 'twas, I (who have belong'd to the Comp^{as}: soe long) how can I expect in other things! wherefore I humbly intreat yor: Worp: to take into yor: Worp^{s}: consideration and to enquire concerning it and to see the money paid to me.

As concerning M^{r}: Horners business yor: Worp: wrote me that I writt I had then rec^{d}: y^{e}: money and y^{t}: therefore yor: Worp; would assist me therein as much as you could but I did not write that, that money was p^{d}: to me nor that I had rec^{d}: it M^{r}: Horner told me he would write to Chinap^{a}: and spoke to me to borrow some Scarlett here and gott me to engage myselfe to the Merch^{t}: of whome wee had the Scarlett promising me that he would send for that sume of money from thence and pay me, I did onely then write in this manner and not that y^{r}: money was p^{d}: me nor that I have rec^{d}: it, the Merchant of whome I borrowed the s^{d}: Scarlett doth very much trouble me for the money, when I take up any things for my Masters use and people see me troubled for the same to whose honour or dishonour will it redound! whether I doe well or ill who must forbear me and maintain me but yor: Worp:! the great want that I am in for my expences who should I acquaint therewith but yor: Worp:! wherefore I made bold without fear to write to yor: Worp: for w^{ch}: I beg your Worsp: pardon entreating yor: Worp: that you would be pleased to consider of it and doe so that I may not be troubled and be in want for my Expences, I rec^{d}: the Sallabad 30: pag^{ds}: for the [mobernesses] & ye 15 pa: for ye Pardars Moudars & Backerdars and have allready paid the 30: pago^{ds}: to the [mobardmeeces].

METCHLEP^{A}: THE 21ST MAY 1682

REC^{D}: 3: JUNE

TO THE RIGHT WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT & GOVR: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Right Worp^{ll}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of the 18: curr^{t}: since when as also before wee have used all means possible to bring our Merchants to the ensuing Investment and likewise gave orders to our Dubash & Brameny privately to seeke out other able merchants for our Merchants in stead of coming to a complyance fell more and more back nor did wee perceive our Dubash whose perticular business it is, did mind to procure any others so that it appear'd to us the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: was like to have no Investment from this ffactory this year, and all fair means having been used to no purpose wee thought good to proceed a little more rigorously in confining y^{e}: Dubash to the ffactory for neglect of his duty, where he remaind 2: dayes without eating having taken upon him so strict a cast that he cannot eat out of his owne house unless in a Bramines and yet wee further threatned to send him up to the Fort (unless he better minded his business to answer to yor: Worp: &c^{a}: his default, notwithstanding w^{ch}: he still affirmed he had used his utmost endeavours and could not do more, that this Towne & the townes adjacent is so voyd of Merchants responsible that 'tis impossible for him in so short a time to procure Merchants that are able to do the Comp^{a}: Service but shall use his utmost endeavours agst: y^{e}: next year however the Merchants finding by this y^{t} wee are in earnest, and have liberty to make use of others (w^{ch}: they little thought of) are now brought to this that they will undertake all the sorts required onely upon y^{e}: Golconda Beteelaes they cannot abate 8: ₰ Cent indeed any thing, that being the cloth that must make up the loss upon other sorts neither can they make any abatement upon the muster of saile cloth last year brought in, it much exceeding that upon w^{ch}: the 8: ₰ Cent was made, and unless

[t] hey have the Golconda Beteelaes, they cannot undertake the 4: sorts formerly advised you of, without taking off the whole 8 : ℘ cent and since the proceeding upon the whole Investment lyes upon their having the Beteelaes wee have thought good not to give them to the Madapollam Mrchts: till wee heare further from you nor to pay in our Cash to that ffactory since our Merchants require 5750 : Pagods: upon their passing their bill of Contract without Interest therewith they will pass no bills, yet promise to goe on wth: their business but that onely verball.

Our Pettipolee Merchants are arrived this day with whom wee have discoursed & earnestly pressed them to comply according to your directions but they as last year will doe no more then what the Metchlepa: Merchants do, & with much perswasions the Metchlepa: Merchts: are contented to give them one part making 11½ parts & the Pettepoly people are at last so contracted tho: earnestly pressed for more wch: they were promised to have provided they would make any greater abatement which they utterly refus'd.

Parragraf's wee have given yor: Worp: &ca: a full acct: of all our proceedings intreateing you to beleave we have done as much as wee thinke lyes in the power of any man to doe.

We have likewise acquainted our Merchts: that they are to bring in their Goods into Pettipolee if required.

Our Boatmen still presse us to send them money to pay the Governors: unreasonable demands wth: out wch: they must in a few dayes forfeit all yeir Boates for the money taken up which wee dare not doe being certaine that thereby wee shall give the Governour encouragement to proceed further in seizing our servants and forceing wt: sumes of money he pleases in hopes wee will repay it, with all submission to yor: Worp : &ca: pleasure we humbly request you'l please to give a speedy answer to this to, Right Worpll: Sir &a: Your very humble servts: Jno: Ffield—Timo [Harris].

Translate of a Lre from our Egyb Viraragaviah from Golconda to Ye: Rt: Worpll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: Govr :

Dated May 17 :
Recd: June 5: } 1682

Your Worp: wrote me concerning the Englishmen wch: some time agoe brought silke hither to sell it is true that there came hither two English men at that time [. . .] they not knowing how to behave themselves towards the Divan having done some things wch: now not fit to do Bramine Accana did take from them (as Junckan) the sume of 54 : pagods: and they having used their utmost, & seeing they could doe no good and having acquainted me therewith at last I gott Bramine Pishpottee Yencatia to speke to Bramine Accana to prsent him with a double sume of money in lieu of ye: money he tooke from them for Junckan and to race out of the Divans bookes what was entered as Junckan paid by the English and to give said Pishpattee Yencatia the sume of 30 : pagods: thus did I then agree about this business and in the Intrim the sd: English men went away for Metchlepa: without giving me notice thereof, upon which Bramine Accana was very angry wth: me saying how did the English dare to goe so privately! wherewith I then acquainted Mr: Masters who sent to me 108 : pagods: ordering me to pay them unto Bramine Accana and to gett it raz'd out of the Divans books and when I acquainted Bramine Accana therewth: who answer'd me as one displeas'd at our Englishmens going away and would not speak to me any thing to the purpose after wch: I apply'd my Selfe to Bramine Maddana and prevail'd with him to accept the sd: 108 : Pagods: as a present to gett raz'd out that money wch: was taken from the English as Junckan having likewise gott his Rocca about it & sent it downe & in regard the sd: 2 : English men went away wthout giving notice of their going these people here would not returne again ye 54 : pagods: wch: they tooke for Juncan I was feigned then to use all mut [sic] utmost to gett the same raz'd out of the books and to gett a Rocca, the 30 : pagods: promised to Pishpotee Yencatia is not as yett paid who demanded the same of me for a long time and in the mean time I came to yor: parts Pishpatee Yencatia is still displeased for not paying him that money, the coppy of the letter I sent then to

Chinnap^a: about this buisness I having come to those parts and in regard I live in another body's house having no house here of my owne I cannot find the coppie of w^t: I then writt so that I write now onely what I remember of it and by the Lre w^ch: I then writt & sent togeather with the said Rocca you will find therein what I writt, I doe still intend to find out the said coppy which if I can find and there be any thing worth writeing I shall not faile in doeing of it, seeing yor: Worp: orderd me to send an answer about it w^th: all expedition I have don it accordingly, I suppose that there 'tis so and not any thing more the Lre yor: Worp: sent me last I rec^d. the 17: day and writt you this answer the same day.

TO Y^E: R^T: WORP^LL: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: AGENT & GOV^R: &C^A: COUNCELL.

METCHLEP^A: Y^E: 2^D: JUNE } 1682.
REC^D: Y^E: 13TH: D^o:

R^t: Worp^ll: S^r: &c^a:

Late the last night arrived 2: Pattamars from Bengall, with 2: Pacquetts one a Grall: directed to your Selves the Other of Perticulars to severall persons at the ffort, which wee have sent to you by fresh Peons, as Customeary keeping the Bengall Pattamars here on Batty till your answear returns.

In a few dayes wee shall send you our Consultations, Dyary, and Acco^t: of Cash for the last month, which being what worth your notice, wee respectfully remaine, Right Worp^ll: Sir &c^a: Your very humble Serv^ts: JOHN FIELD—TIM^o: HARRIS.

BALLASORE 2^D: MAY } 1682.
REC^D: 13TH: JUNE

Right Worp^ll: Sir &c^a:

On y^e: 12th: past month wee received yours of the 20: of March last, by our hon^ble: Masters new Sloope Maddapollam, whome wee provided with a Pilott, and Buoyes, and Ropes for the Treasure Chests, and do since understand shee is arrived at Hugly in Safety.

Herewith goes the Worp^ll: Cheife &c^a: Councells Packett from Hugly which came to our reception the last Night, is all wee have at present to add worth your Worp^s: &c^a: Notice, Wee Subscribe, R^T: WORP^LL: &C^A. Your most humble Serv^ts: JN^o: BYAM—THO: BROMLEY—HEN: STANLY.

HUGLY 17TH OF APRILL 1682.
REC^D: 13TH: JUNE D^o:

TO THE R^T: W^M. GYFFORD ESQ^R: GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E: HON^BLE: COMP^A: ON Y^E: COAST CORMANDELL & BAY OF BENGALL &C^A: COUNCELL.

Our last to you was the 16: January when wee dispeeded the Bengall Merchant for Madapollam & the George & Caesar for yor: Port and had hoped that wee should have had another oppertunity Shortly after to have wrote you again by some of our Sloopes & to have sent you the Invoyces of the Ship Ann whome wee dispeeded directly for England the 6: of ffebruary full laden, as also those of the 3: Ships aforesaid which were then omitted by reason the time growing short & they being laden it was not thought good to detain y^m: any longer, but that they proceeded without them, duplicates of all went by the Anne and those Invoyes came to our hands two dayes after the dispeedure of said Ship being detarded in the way some two daies by the terrible weather mett with & before by the Invoices of the Inland ffactory's not coming downe more early some whereof could not be sent till all their goods were dispeeded.

Ships dispeeded & the reasons why the Invoyces were [. . .]

It was the 2d: of March ere the Cheife arrived hither when wee were intending to be writeing you, but Suddainly after we began to be apprehensive that great comotions and troubles might arise here in the Land therefore forbore some time that wee might be able to make some Judgement what effects the same might have on our Honble: Masters Affairs in these parts wch: wee shall give you after wee have made an additionall answer (not having time then to reply as the same required) to yors: of the 17th: of November last recd: by the Cheife in the way to Ballasore.

Comotions ariseing in the Land the reason why the Cheife of Bengall writt noe sooner.

Wee had well-hoped instead of your wish, you: would have given us rather some assurance that our apology for the last years Shipping's no sooner departure would not but meet with a favourable acceptance from our Masters being what wee wrote you therein is unfeignedly true which if occasion were could be made legally appear so to be. Wee never hoped that our endeavours should be judg'd by the Success but the act, the former not being in our power, if wee were wanting in our duty which is getting in the goods, lading and dispeeding the Ships when laden wee are then ready to beare the blame, but if a vessell of 30: tuns cannot carry 100: tuns at once but must make 3: or 4: trips therefore, and those trips take up each of them the same time as if all had been carryed at once & by these indispensable necessary repeated turns a far longer time Elapses then if but one turn had been made then wee can assure your Selfes wee were innocent & this is possitively our case, but if you suppos'd otherwise you had done us a kindness in undeceiving us by shewing particularly wherein wee failed in our duty for a genrll: charge cannot doe it, the tonnage provided by us that year was far greater then In former times, when the Ships were dispeeded hence sooner and most of it to the vast damage of the Compa: then provided at Ballasore whereby it required less time Shipping off, but the Inland Factories are now all Supplied wth: their full Stocks and goods bought at their proper places at the best hand wch: being far distant from the road of Ballasore it will require near three months time to ship the same hence wth: yt: assistance wee have of Vessells, it being a run not less then frõ: London to Portsmouth or Yarmouth wch: being good part in the river and wch: at that time of the year is foggy especially in the night and till the Suñe is well advanced so that at such times there is no stirring till it cleers up; Sands for the most part all the way both in & out the river so that it is accounted a good turn of a Sloope to unlade and return in 20: dayes, sometimes they doe it in lesse and often times in more. That this year the Ships were late dispatch't wee could no waies prevent our endeavours were not in the least wanting according to our abilities, how our good came in, how those of the other Factorys came to us is easy to bee seen. Wee have great cause to fear that the Bengall Mrchant will indubitably loose her passage tho wee apprehend no danger of the rest and that of her wee should also have prevented if your perticular possitive orders of Dispatching her after the other 3: had not caused our forbearance not knowing [since] you require such absolute positive complyance in meaner and but triviall matters, how haniously [*sic*] it would have been taken and how Severely it might have been censured, you will find that wee alwayes used to send the latter Ships of late directly for ye: Fort St: George if not contrould therein by the positive orders of the Agency as this year so that we cannot Suspect the least blame can by any means be on this accot: laid to our charge, and wee shall not question but our Honble: Masters will herein acquit us, but if it should fall out otherwise and that either by the misapprehension of some or misrepresentations of others (wch: wee may have cause to fear) wee shall any of us fall under the displeasure of our Masters so far as to have our threatned removall or change to be actually exercised on us to our not only disgrace but it is likely allmost irreparable ruin thõ it would be an exceeding greif of heart as well as disappoyntment to us. Yet wee shall endeavor to bear it with all the Submission and patience wee can well knowing wee have not any of us in his Station gone less in our duty and dilligence in Serving our Honble: Employers (lett mistake and detraction alleage what it can against us) according to the best of our understanding present power and Circumstances.

Mr: Vincent: endeavours to justifie himselfe in the managemt: of ye: Compas: affaires by expectation excuses & unhandsome refletions on ye: Agency.

M^{r}: Vincents unmannerly retort ab^{t}. closing the books.

Wee hope if the Inland Factories (for wee Shall not presume to call them Subordinate) shall bee so long this year in sending down their boones to us, as last, you will not be displeas'd if wee proceed to the closure of ours without them as you have done yours this year without ours occasioned by the aforesaid neglect. They have most of them been admonished more then once already therefore if yet any shall continue in the same Acts wee shall advise you thereof that you may take what course with y^{m}: shall seem best to you for as to the enforcing the paym^{t}: of any sum̃e of money as a penalty or fine wee desire you will excuse us therefrom it requiring in our Opinions a greater Authority and more lyable to legall enquiries then the Suspention of a person from acting in our Masters Service upon Acco^{t}: of irregularities and Offences committed therein by them; which you allow us not.

his reasons why he will not proceed to pecuniary fines.

about placing the Pilotts in Bengall.

M^{r}: Vincents claime to y^{t}: Priviledge.

Your resentment of our going contrary to your Orders as you seeme to hint about our placing the eldest before the younger Pilot is somewhat Strange to us it being the way used hitherto, and those persons have been allways more intirely at our disposall being Such as are appointed for this place in a more peculiar manner and ever heretofore entertained, placed and preferred by us as being much more capable of knowing their abilities and deserts then any others at a distance can and if it be not so wee Shall be able to keepe as little Com̃and over them as 'tis vissible wee have over others, and tho you seem to require such absolute and universall complyance with your orders wee hope you will not be displeased that wee take the freedome to give you our opinions that if in our Masters Affairs wee cannot have a Liberty of acting in extraordinary emergencies according as the posture of them shall necessarily require even to the superceeding your possitive orders if requisite thereto by reason of the variation of circumstances times &c^{a}: which may easily and often does occur in regard of y^{e}: great distance you are from us wee know not but wee may by a too Strict adherence to your orders in matter or forme in some cases bring very great damage to our masters thereby, nor can wee apprehend why wee are made a directive Councell if wee can have no Latitude in acting but meerely and barely as order'd.

his manner of arguing, and his reasons for y^{t}: for a farther latitude in other things.

M^{r}: Vincents &c^{a}: misapprehensions ab^{t}: Dyett money, & y^{t}: if y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: for want of room in y^{e}: Faotory's should lye abroad 'twould not be Sufficient.

As to what you write ab^{t}: dyett money wee fear wee may misapprehend yor: intentions, and therefore desire you would please to be acquainted that none of the Comp^{as} Covenant Servants in the Bay doe lye out of the Comp^{as}: Factories nor are permitted so to do, while accomodation can be had in them, w^{ch}: if by any encrease of Servants Should faile, conveniency of house roome abroad for a family would amount in this place to near y^{e}: money you assign for Dyett & all.

By servants wee suppose you mean those onely w^{ch}: are requisite for a Kitchin as Cooke Butler Scullion Katerer &c^{a}: and not those Servants which attend our persons w^{ch}: for them to whome the same is allowed was Stinted by the late Agent when here, if otherwise you mean then Servants wages will amo^{t}: to more then w^{t}: you allow for Dyett & all, as perticularly the Cheife of y^{e}: Bay is by order allowed Rup^{s}: 12: ℔m^{o}: for Servants Wages and if hereto be added Cook &c^{a}: he will have little if any thing left for Dyett. You make no distinction in the degrees of persons among us, onely Cheife & Councell and others not of Councell so that an Hospitall boy Writer Factor, Merchant & Senr: Merchant if not of Councell are all under one and the same allowance which you may please to consider whether it be consonant to the design of our Masters when for the encouragement of their servants they were pleased to order those titles and Degrees. If wee understand you not amiss you seeme to us to levell the Cheife of the Bay in this perticular, not onely wth: y^{e}: rest of the Councell of the same but also with the meanest of the Councell of y^{e}: Inland Factory who may be at times but Writers as many of them were but two years Since, w^{ch}: seems no mean Slighting and disesteem of a Person in so nationall and publick an Employment and at whose table there is on that acco^{t}: such constant unavoy[d]able resort of Strangers of our own and other Nations.

concerning y^{e}: allowances for Serv^{ts}: wages.

M^{r}: Vincent in a rage.

reasons why a good Table ought to be kept in Bengall.

The Europe Ships are here generally [5: or] 6: months w^{ch}: causes great resort and the moonsoon lasts neer 9: months for other vessells unto both w^{ch}: our house is as an open Court, and this being a plentifull countrey for provisions it

would look very odd should a mean penurious Table bee kept, and such a Table as will serve in other places will not doe here especially where 'tis publicque as the Cheifs must be. Wee desire it may be noted the Compa: have not as wee know of blamed us for any prodigallity in this perticular nor in any other, nor were wee found fault with by Agent Master when he came downe partly for Settling such matters, tho he was a man of a temper as neare as could be desir'd in that Point and had his Education at Surrat a place fam'd for it's frugallity or rather pinchingness in belly Timber. Nor did he propose a more frugall way then was used, whatever Spent on yt: Accot: being entered and brought to Accot: in the bookes as may appear in those of this and Cassam bazar Factory those to whome Dyett money hath been or is allowed receive as followeth. The Councell or those equall therewth: as the Chaplain 25: rups: ℘month the Writers 15: rups: ℘ month, and that onely in this Factory in regard of the great resort hither as above noted.

Mr: Master tho a man frugall enough did not take away from ye: allowance of the Table.

Wee have sent Mr: Hervy his Charge but you will Scarce have his answer herewith tho what he hath to say for himselfe in those former defaults will ere this come to your view in ye: coppies of our Letters sent you which tho not in the formal way yet amounts to the same Method you prescribe and it should seem [he] is so little concerned for the event that he hath again renewed his said default, wee not having recd: any Advice frō: since the 13: Xbr: recd: ye: 27: Do: wch: is now near 4: months, Wee doe not find in any of our constitutions any penalty appointed for these defaults less then suspencion or dismission, there is a penalty of Sallary about the Books but none about the Dyaryes tho by way of Analogy or equality it may be extended to that also, the order about them being made upon this occasion Ano: 1676: an order was made for keeping of Dyaries & Consultations and sending them monthly to Hugly (then termed the head Factory) these being distributed to the Subordinate Factories, the order was observed in all save Pattana, where for the yeare 1677: & 1678: not any was kept, and the project but Scorned and Laughed at, which being taken notice off by the Agency an Order came enforcing the former and that if any yet neglected it the[y] should be dismissed or Suspended & others putt in their [places] upon wch: immeadiately a Dyary was begun there, nothing enforceing Duty save a fear of punishmt: whereby such persons duty appears no other then Slavish not the least conscientious it being the punishment not the fault they desire to avoyd. Wee doe well know by vertue of the power recd: from the late Agent &ca: by theirs dated the 12th: of August 1681: (not to mention any the Compa: themselves have entrusted us with) and given upon accot: of Mr: Hervy's default before, wee might have proceeded against him to the Suspending his acting in the Compas: Service, yet wee were rather willing (not to seeme to be overforward in such cases) to acquaint your Selves also therewith, and wee desire to know whether you doe Repeale that very order or power there made or given, and wee would further have your opinions if any should be guilty of criminall Acts or any such Offences which shall render them plainly unfaithfull in their trust, as by taking the Compas: goods and selling them, detaining the money privately for their owne use or the like misbehaviour (that it will not be Safe to permitt their being in a Factory) wee shall not immeadiately suspend them from acting or continue the intrustment in their hands till shall [*sic*] wee shall here from you whereby they may doe a farther damage and in wt: cases or whether in none Suspencion may be used ere you are acquainted therewith wee heartily wish such courses may be taken as none may dare to appear refractous or Slight orders and then wee may promise our Selves the Compas: affairs will goe on more currantly when all shall with one Shoulder yeild their assistance wch: now is manifest they doe not, and the Cheife being given to understand by advises from an eminent Member of the Comittee that there will be a great encrease of Tunnage this year in Bay goods, if our disorders ere then not ended we know not how we shall be able to goe thro: wth: the same either to the Sattisfaction of our Employers or content to our Selves about which, good consideration we conceive ought to be had, and if Mr: Hervey should be acquitted and his faults passed over it will be a very great encouragement to

Concerning Mr: Hervey, & his fault in not sending advices to Hugly.

M: Vincent's desire to know whither ye: order given by Mr: Master concerning Mr: Hervey be repealed & in what cases he may proceed to Suspension.

if Mr: Hervy be acquitted, 'twill encourage others to committ ye: like disorders.

others to commit the like disorders Slighting and villyfieng their Superiours and all orders by which means if any thing Should happen to the prejudice of the Comp^as : Affairs either in their Investments or otherwise wee Should be exceedingly troubled thereat but must declar wee are wholly clear therefrom.

Mr : Prickman is removed to Cassumbazar & Mr : Stanley putt in his place at Ballasore, whome we had intended as Clerk or Steward for the Stores of our Shipping but since you have resolved it otherwise wee must Submitt, and wee are at a loss what you mean by his going on the Sloopes as a factor to looke after the goods on occasion for wee cannot tell whether you intend by that word any extraordinary circumsta[n]tialld perticular time of wch : whether you allow us to bee Judges is not clear or whether you may mean all times whenever there is occasion of sending any goods on the Sloopes wch : please to determin plainly to us and if the former then what that perticular occasion shall be or leave it to our resolves that so wee may not again be blamed for the Neglect of any thing as a great fault wch : wee never knew to be our duty before, and wee desire in order hereto it may not bee displeasing that we note some few things to you.

Concerning Mr : Stanley & his Employment.

That Ballasore Factory stands upon a small river not navigable much above it unless in time of great flouds & freshes, and the river issues into the North west part of the Bay some 20 : miles from ye : ffactory tho by Land it be not above 8 : miles ; from thence over the Barr to the place, usually were the Ships, ride is generally 3 : 4 : 5 : leagues according to the time of year, that Hughly river is another distinct river nor doe they any way meete nearer then about 60 : miles that in sending our goods hence as also those of all the inland Factories wee have no entercourse with Ballasore but they are sent directly hence aboard where wee have a ffactor that takes acco^t : of all and lades the same according to our directions taking receipts therefore in a book given us from time to time an Acco^t : thereof, and all goods &c^a : from Europe come directly to us without landing [at] Ballasore onely so much as it appointed by us for their Stock they also at Ballasore send their goods directly aboard the Ships and not up to us, so that there are no goods passes from Ballasore hither or hence thither of ye : Comp^as : unless sometimes they may want some perticular Europe goods and we some necessaries as iron worke and Timbers for the Honble : Comp^as : yard here, wch : it will be hardly thought worth ye : while for a Factor to attend upon. That our Sloops in their passing to & fro very Seldome keepe together nor is it our desire or indeed convenient [for] many reasons they ridding buisness much better and faster, so that there being severall of them Mr : Stanley can be of use but to one Sloop at a time, that the Masters of the Sloops do give receipts or bills of Lading for all the goods they receive in here wch : is sent down aboard and taken up by them when the goods are delivered, and so likewise for goods & Treasure rec^d : from the Ships or Ballasore and they are accounted answerable for the same nor have wee in our Experience of this practice cause to suspect the integrety of any of them in the least on said acco^t : And it would be a little regret to those sort of persons to have any such superintendents and besides the charge must be in the Master or else he cannot signe a receipt, nor be accounted answerable, and some of our Pilotts are men whose education & extraction is not inferior to most of any Factors, and so upon that acco^t : might have entered upon the Employ of a Factor as well as Pilot had it been their lot and are capable of giving good as Security either here or in England most of them so well skilled in Navigation that they are capable of taking charge of a Ship for any pa[r]t not needing to learn of any Master or Mates that come from England and their Mates able enough too, so that Mr : Stanley's navigatory Skill can little help them in that point and as for those who [are] wanting in that perticular yet are not the worse Pilotts for the river or between this and Ballasore nor know wee of what use he can be upon any of them between this and that place by virtue of his Skill, he not being vers'd in the Sholds & Sands and so not capable of carrying a Vessell unless to assist one of our Pilots and thereby be instructed in the Sands &c^a of the River & without, wch : would be a work too mean for one of his quality, and as to hinder Boateman from Stealing that must wee conceive be understood of those

Mr : Vincents sevll reasons & Arguments why Mr : Stanley ought not to saile in any of the sloops.

Goods that goe off at Ballasore to wch: end our Smallest Sloope is yearly appointed to attend there and carries off those goods of wch: there is most danger and what goes on countrey boates (besides our Peons) there generally goes an Englishman but that he must needs be a navigator is not apparent they being ever neer enough in Sight of Land nor needs there one of the Councell of a Factory for that worke as Mr: Stanley is now till your further Orders appointed to, nor doe wee conceive it convenient that a Warehousekeeper in wch: Station he now acts can be permitted in the time of buisness to goe to and fro in that nature he must do if he be so employed; of what hath been hinted wee desire you please to consider and if you shall thinck it very necessary Still that he goes to & fro in the Sloops then let it be directed in what Sloop and what times that wee may not be at a loss or fall under the censure of wt: wee understand not the meaning of, the best way of preventing Boatmens Stealing would be by sending all goods of from Ballasore in our owne Boats and therefore if to that end you would give directions to Maddapollam for the building one or two boats like unto Dutch Catches or our Hoys in Englands abt: 20: tonns each wth: Hatches to open and take off fore & aft from the mast to the aft Sheet they would be of Singular use & soon quitt their costs. Wee suppose those made at Madapollam 2.: years since and Cast away anno 1680: coming down too late in the year into the Bay for the same use were such tho wee are not assured of it.

concerning ye: raw Silke sent to Surrat. Mr: Vincent resents ye: Agent's &c: censnring him for it. his reasons.

Wee gave you an Accot: of those Persons that were concerned in the Ship that went to Surratt 1679 and the quantity of raw Silk sent upon her being onely 25: Bales and that all in Silk Punjah of wch: far greater quantityes then that went this year & hath allwayes to the Coast and yet not forbid or taken any notice of by you; and altho the Compa: (by reason they had not advises hence that year 1679: might well continue in apprehension of their Investment of raw Silk falling Short that year yet it is wondred you should agree therein also, surely you cannot be ignorant that ye: goods were with you; Bengall having creditt for the same in yor: books of Accots: and the Dyary and Letter, and boo ke of that year of ye: Factory of Cassambazar if ever looked into will cleerly evidence the same and moreover that the incumbent that year there was so far from falling Short Severall hundred Bales were provided by ye: Mrchants without Imprest thro the Interest & encouragement of the said incumbent however blamed; ye: Compa: not having any Cash there at that time as is easily evinced by turning to the bookes of that year, so that he much admires he should Suffer such a Censure frō: you for what you must necessarily know he is wholly innocent off.

promise that no perticular goods be laden on ye: Compas: Sloops.

Wee shall take care no goods be laden on the Compas: Sloopes for perticular ℘sons but wee are Still of opinion yt: it is not intended agst: those necessarys & provissions wch: by the Europe Shipps are sent us out & for wch: generall freight is paid in England & [it can] no wayes prejudice the Compas: concerns being at yt: time the Sloops never come fully Laden.

Mr: Vincent desires yt: Paragraphs in ye: Compas: Lrẽ relating to Bengall be sent thither in authentique Coppies.

Wee take great notice of yor: [delaying] to send us a duplicate of the Compas: Lrẽ this year to your Selves tho wee have alwayes recd̃: the same formerly by their owne Standing directions wch: since you are pleased to forbear in the whole wee make it our formall request yt: whatsoever Paragraphs may any wayes concern us you would remit to us in authentique coppies yt: wee may not onely know the Honble: Compas: intentions as abstracted and modified by your Selves [but] may also be acquainted wth: their orders and Expectations as well as our duty in their owne possitive words, wch: wee thinck is not unreasonable, and whereby as wee conceive wee may be enabled the better to perform what is required of us, by having a more immediate and perspicuous Sight of our Masters pleasure and orders in their own words.

News.

The troubles we are apprehensive of are thus, about ye: month of December last a Son of Shauh Sujah by name Zavool Obdin had a design of surprizeing the Castle of Pattana but was taken in the enterprize and is known to be one of Sauh Sujah's younger Sons and declares his father & the rest of ye: Children except Banko Sultan ye: eldest to be all alive, since that time the wayes between Pattana & Rajamaul have been greatly infested Severall robberies committed so yt:

convoyes have been forced to be appointed of 100 : or 200 : horse at a time, but in y^e : end of ffebruary one Gungharam formerly Duan to Bahadur Cawn whose Jaggeer or Rents then lay ab^t : Pattana appears in armes w^{th} : ab^t : 5 : or 6000 : horse having come as reported from Sultan Eckbur (at p^rsent y^e : third Son to this Emperour, & now in rebellion, against whome ye Emperour is gone forth) thro the hilly and Gentio Princes Countries and in y^e : name of y^e : Said Sultan soon made himselfe Master of Beharr & Severall other places of importance neer Pattana not robbing the Countrey but taking all he can meet with of the Kings & Officers & acting more like the Servant of a naturall Prince then a rebell, some time he lay before the walls of Pattana demanding y^e : same & y^e : treasury, and had Severall Skirmishees w^{th} : the Nabob's forces, and upon the last (wherein y^e : great loss fell on y^e : Nabobs Side) is retired some 6 or 7 : leagues from Pattana as our last advice thence tells us, wee know not what Judgement to make hereof whether the Skirmishees between him and the Nabob were onely feigned upon some more deepe designe w^{ch} : Suspicion is more created by our Nabob Shasteh Cawnes Sitting Still all the while as unconcerned, tho he might from Rajamaull have Sent such considerable force as in 5 : or 6 : dayes might have reached Pattana and in all likelyhood dispersed Gungharan and relieved the Nabob who for some considerable time was beseidged, wee know not what influence these troubles may have on our Masters trade at Pattana in getting in Salt Petre, but fear the Investment will be extreamly lessened if onely thro the loss of great ℘^{t} : of y^e : time & cheife Season for making thereof as is already done and 'tis not unlikely great remains may also be made by the wildness of the times and whether there will not be great trouble in getting it down if at all to be effected is greatly to be questioned, great charge will accrew by reason of keeping a very great nomber of Servants for Saving the Factory from Sacking w^{ch} : in such times may run otherwise great hazards thro y^e : Zimmanders and Countrey people who use on Such occasions to be fishing however wee have confidence in this Province of Bengall we may have peace and tranquillity thro y^e : authority of our Nabob being the richest and most powerfull man in all y^e : Empire.

fears that the troubles att Pattana may impead the $Comp^{as}$: buisness.

hope of quiettness in y^e : province of Bengall.

And our dilligence & care Shall not be wanting to secure our Masters concerns the best wee can tho any sudden invasion should Succeed having our Sloops in a readiness for our Security at last, but yet wee cannot but be giving forth of money on our Investments, for if wee doe not and the propper time of year Slip wee shall be to seek afterwards when occasion requires it, and if wee do 'tis not impossible but great remains will be made if the times Succeed troublesome, but it is our opinions that y^e : $Comp^{as}$: $Investm^{ts}$: are of too great concernment to be neglected or delayed therefore 'tis our intention to endeavour to Secure the same by all the most likely means and leave the Success to him in whose hands 'tis in, Wee are very sensible wee may meet w^{th} : no small troubles this year, having lately had heer a change of Government in this port as wee have cause to foresee much for the worse, the Port Customes being y^e : Kings Rents are by y^e : Duan of Bengall put into y^e : hands of Boolcund a Servant & Cheife confident of the Nabob's who hath been for these many years past Governour for him in Muxudavad under which Cassambazar factory is and hath had his Jaggeer or Rents all ab^t : us also ; a most shrewd and rapacious fellow wee heartily wish it may have no influence on our Masters affairs here in these parts all or most of our buisness being now in his hands, what wee can possibly doe according to the best of our $Judgem^{ts}$: shall be no ways wanting wee have at present so wrought upon his Deputy here that our trade continues in y^e : same freedome, as formerly & if it be in our power wee shall so keepe the same, well knowing wee cannot rely on any redress to be obtained from Dacca, that Factory being as one cutt off from us of whome as wee must wholly forbear to expect so allso to require any further help in those affairs for which it was at first intended, being resolved upon any troubles that may approach to try what can be done otherwise.

Apprehensions of some troubles this year, y^e : Customes of Bengall being in y^e : hands of Boolcand. No redress to be expected from Dacca, in case of any troubles, to seeke it otherways.

You will by the Invoyces see how large returns wee have made of the Stock sent us and thereby be ready to judge how little wee have left to carry on this years

Investments, Pattana wee have Supplyed fully and Cassumbazar is well in cash when it shall want wee are resolved to furnish them fully, not onely tho wee may be in want for our owne Investments, but tho wee should be necessitated to take the same up at Interest being resolved there shall be nothing wanting in that factory on our Parts for y^e : answearing the $Comp^{as}$: Expectation thence.

Promise that Cassumbazar shall always be supplied w^{th} : cash.

Dacca Factory is Supplied more then it may be is needfull, for they fell so Short of what they were enordred last year, and themselves promised that having assigned no reason for the same, wee cannot thinck they are at present fit to be intrusted with more, without your possitive order, being also as wee may look upon them Sons of Beliall men subject to no Yoake as [out] Laws, in rebellion, and tho: wee have not as before noted had any advice from them Since December last, yett wee are enformed by some perticular Letters by way of Cassumbazar (for w^{th} : that Cheifeship they can keepe a correspondence tho they vouchsafe it not to us) that the Stop upon Our Trade wrote us last of Still continues, tho wee do hear of no such thing from any else either Natives or Europeans; therefore we are of opinion it would be best that what money they have in Cash were remitted to Cassumbazar which when it shall please them that wee shall hear from them shall be taken into consideration.

Rebellious Dacca supplied w^{th} : more then needfull, & not to be entrusted, being Sons of Beliall & subject to no yoke &ca

Maulda ffactory is but in a mean plight at present for y^e : reasons we have before hinted in our generall to the $Comp^a$: and in y^t : no remedy can be had at Dacca therefore ; they rather seeming to rejoyce thereat & further imbroyle y^e : buisness underhand then seeke to redress y^e : same, the Cheife thereof hath been w^{th} : us some time representing to us fully y^e : state of y^t : place & upon consideration we are returning of him again enordring him to use there all possible means to evade thro: what troubles shall occur, in which (knowing of how great advantadge that Factory is like to be to our Masters) wee shall be assisting him y^e : best way wee can & hope it may be effectuall notwithstanding the Dacca designs. If we can procure any money time enough it is our positive intention to invest 4 : or 500 : Bales of Silke if to be had of y^e : enordered wind there besides what is provided at Cassumbazar & otherwhere that (if possibly) the Company may have no reason to complain of y^e : want of that comodity of which such quantityes may be had if effects be at hand, the great troubles y^e : Governours give at Maulda have occasioned very great remains & give very great disheartnings, but wee doubt not but M^r : Needham [e] with those helps & Instructions that he will have from us may be able (tho probably not in that nature as might be desired) so to accomodate matters (at present of a very ill aspect) that the $Comp^a$: may receive thence this year what they have enordred to y^e : full [if] any Stock comes early & in due time.

Concerning Maulda factory & y^e : bad plight it is in by reason of Dacca designs.

4 : or 500 : bales of Silk shall be provided there.

Wee had gone thus far when came to hand letters from the Agent &c.^{a} : at Surrat of y^e : 31th : of January bringing with them our Honble : Employer[s] advises of y^e : 22^d : Aprill & 22^d : July 1681 : coppies whereof wee immeadiately transmitted to Cassumbazar whose answer thereto if it comes in time shall be transmitted to you herewith ; by them we hall [*sic*] full assurance of what before hinted to you that wee shall have an increase of Stock and Shipping this year and an augmentation in Investment of raw Silk more perticularly, w^{ch} : as far as lyes in our power shall be complyed with and where Stock Shall be wanting wee shall endeavor to gett it taken up at Interest, no money that we can foresee being to be had upon exchange, and w^t : ever is ordered wee shall so far as concern our Selves and as far as our Authority shall reach see that it may be effected what possible. Whether so vast a quantity of Silk will be procureable this year as y^e: $Comp^a$: seem to thinck is easy especially of the coarsest Sorts wee shall not give our opinions least we interfer with theirs but wish that it doe succeed according to expectation ; it will certainly cause all manner of Silke to rise at least to keepe it's price w^{ch} : otherwise might and was appearingly falling the Guzzerat Merchants at present holding their hands by reason of y^e : troubles w^{ch} : seems hovering over that part of these Countries, that lyes in the way hence thither. Sugar we shall provide 100 : Tuns w^{ch} : is likely may be of good use this Shipping by

Concerning the augmentation of y^e : Investment of raw Silk & the takng up money at Interest.

Fears that the price of Silk will rise.

reason of the fears we have of Petre falling Short, it will be necessary that you take some other Method about the Ships dispatch this year and to order the first Shipps to Metchlep[a]: & Madapollam and if more then one are dispeeded directly hence for England it will be much y[e]: better and if any of them come up the River their Loading and departure will be much accelerated thereby. The Horrible disorders w[ch]: we are under here at present may have very bad influence, upon what may be expected from us in respect of that enlargement of Trade y[e]: Comp[a]: will yet enorder, therefore it is hoped that you will take some such course as to put all in good order or else y[t]: you will not lay any blame upon us for any the unhappy effects they may have, wee having nothing left us by you in our hands to quench the same. If our great Investments do cause trouble with our Govern[rs]: as ' tis likely it may and thereby bring us under a necessity of enlargeing in presents and Gifts to them it must be done nor can wee foresee but to secure all the said Investments we may be necessitated to give way so far as to y[e]: infringing of those great priviledges (w[ch]: have cost so much and whereof wee have hitherto been so cheary and with great Success & advantage to our Employers) not onely by some new courses but even to y[e]: paying of Custome no help being in such cases to be expected from Dacca while M[r]: Harevey contin[u]es in his long practised refractories and contumacy, therefore we request that you would let us know what wee may doe in such a case whether we shall not submit unto such tearmes as can be procured from those in authority tho hard chargeable, and such as may intrench upon the very heart of our priveledges or rather then so, to hazard y[e]: Ships Moonsoon and Sending them away dead freighted. We are the more Sollicitous herein because by reason of our being out of frame so much, we are apprehensive some clouds may arise to y[e]: great interruption of y[e]: Comp[as]: Affairs if not dispersed and dispelled in due time and by due means and by reason of M[r]: Job Charnock Anno 1679: did rather chuse to let the Petre come downe too late for the Ships (whereby they had been hugely dead fraughted if better and more timely care had not been taken here below and was the sole cause of their so late dispatch for w[ch]: wee here onely bear the blame) then either to submit to what required by y[e]: Nabob of Pattana or act according to our orders or contrary to his own humour tho he was forced at last at a greater charge to take the course directed to at first, and not finding but it was well Ressented, wee know not but the acting according to another manner out of a well meant zeale (tho by some it may be accounted misguided) for our Masters Interest wee may fall under your severe censure, for we doe profess it is our positive jugdement that y[e]: Comp[as]: Investments being of greater concern then an humour or [Punctilio] of Creditt and honour, are to be secured by all such methods as may be fittest and tho sometimes we cannot possibly [tread] those paths therein that are most desireable yet wee must goe those wayes that are feasible and not leave the work undon, notwithstanding whatever misrepresentations or misjudgeings wee may fear to meet with all, unto this our request and query wee desire your positive and plain reply.

Directions how the Ships should be dispatched.

If ye: Governours impead ye: Comp[as]: buisness, Mr: Vincent inteuds to be very large in Pisoashes, even to ye: paying of Custome.

desires directions therein.

The Treasure or Silver w[ch]: arrives on the Europe Ships and generally called quick Stock is many times far from it, for we desire you would note this a comodity as well as others, riseing and falling according as there are buyers and being many times very long ere money can be made thereof;- some part of last years being yet on hand. Rialls (w[ch]: being a known Coyne sells quickest) might sometimes tho never so great a quantity be turned into money in a very Short time after they arrive upon such abatements in y[e]: price as may answer the laying down of so much ready money, but if we should make any Such contracts we should soon have the mouths of some open against us therefore did rather chuse to send their Stock in Specie to them w[ch]: had occasioned y[e]: mint at Rajamaul to be clog'd with persons coyning in our name tho the Second of Maulda hath been there ever Since and sometime before upon that Acco[t]: w[ch]: as wee conceive it might have been some hindrance to the Speedier dispatch of that Affair so also that it is not at all convenient to have so many persons useing our name in one and the same employ even in one of our residences or Factories.

ab[t]: y[e]: Europe Treasure & the disposall thereof.

The Comp^{as}: Stock being much enlarged and Still yearly augmenting, Wee conceive it best that all that Silver which cannot presently be made money of as also what shall not be sent to those Factories where is a mint distinct to be sent directly to the Mint at Rajamaul there to be coyned by some Englishman appoynted thereto and the Factories to be Supplyed according as the same comes forth which may expedite that affair and prevent many other Inconveniences w^{ch}: the way used this year may occasion. By what you write of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: desires of having the same goods from all places of y^{e}: Bay as also what they write us themselves about the same we suppose is meant no other then that such goods as are either manufactured or generally are brought to be vended in any places where our Factories are, Shall be bought at all such places they are so to be had at tho they be dearer in one place then another w^{ch}: Shall be performed.

The Comp^{a}: in theirs of y^{e}: 22^{d}: July do mention to us the giving you an Acco^{t}: of what wee doe in the great buisness of the raw Silk and to Send you a monthly Acco^{t}: of our Cash according to their former rules of w^{ch}: there never were any, nor can wee tell of w^{t}: use it will be to you, or their Affairs, for if meant of ours onely then the whole designe is lost for we shall make but little use of y^{e}: money permitted to be taken up for raw Silk intending much not being to be had here, to provide but little of that comodity here but if all are included where those goods are provided and where the money is to be taken up, then it will be convenient they be ordred to send their Diaries & Acc^{o}: of Cash sooner to us then usuall for wee Seldome have the Cassumbazar ones of one month till the end of the succeeding month or y^{e} : begining of the M^{o}: after, wee shall order them that the same be sent always by y^{e}: 5th: of y^{e}: Succeeding month but it would be necessary you did it your Selves also, and that with some penalty, least our orders should be Slighted. This Wee thinck should be done if you shall conceive it necessary to have monthly advises from us and we desire it may be Considered whether those Factoryes may not better correspond directly with you being wee shall have otherwise onely a transient sight & no records of y^{e}: mannagement of their Affairs unless they be ordered to send two dyaries for every month one for the Fort the other to lye in y^{e}: factory of w^{ch}: you may please to advise us your Judgements or whether you will think it convenient to order the sending our Dyaries at all otherwise then according to the Standing rules in that case, in that should we Monthly send them besides the consideration of the charge it will be at least two months ere ordinaryly they will come to your hands after their date w^{ch}: whether it may be equivalent use or not we leave to your decision expecting your orders herein.

M^{r}: Vincents way of arguing about sending a monthly Acco^{t}: of Cash to y^{e}: Fort.

We had intended and orders were given for y^{e}: Sending up some of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Sloopes to you after the Ships were dispatched but tho our friends at Pattana had dispeeded in January 3 boats wth: Saltpetre thence & advised us in two or three days after that they would dispeed more (in w^{ch}: they were prevented) yet those boates arrived not with us till y^{e}: 27th: february when tho a Sloop was fitted yet it was judged too late to adventure her up w^{ch}: is y^{e}: reason you have not till now heard from us Since y^{e}: Shipping.

The reasons why no Sloops came to y^{e}: Fort this year.

We have yours of y^{e}: 27th: February 8th: and 20th: March by the Sloop Maddapollam which arrived before y^{e}: Factory y^{e}: 19th: Instant, your intimation of advice from S^{r}: Joshua Child of a great Investment to be made here in the Bay in raw Silke the Cheife as before intimated had received before from him directly, and we had taken care ab^{t}: y^{e}: same by sending our Masters advices to M^{r}: Charnock who is to take care of what concerns him and wee shall not faile in what wee can doe, wee observe y^{t}: you order us to take up what money shall be needfull for this affair without Limitation tho y^{e}: Comp^{as}: order to us is onely for 30: or 40000£: w^{ch}: freedome shall be used as farr as it shall be needed and money can be had, for times have been such and may be so again y^{t}: £10000: could not be raised but wee have hopes it will be otherwise if troubles doe not Seize this Province, the quantity of Silke yo^{u}: mention being 7000: bales (at least) by which yet wee understand bales of two maunds each, is very great & wee may fear not to be complyed with if no sorts are to be bought up but those y^{t}: y^{e}: Comp^{a}: seem to mention that is that

the Company order but 30: or 40000£ to be taken up.

fear y^{t}: 7000 ba^{s}: Silk of 2 m^{ds}: each cannot be provided.

Sort called Taunee formerly sent & y^e: courser Sorts [noe] more especially Spoken off, our reason is there is a farr less quantity of y^t: then other and then the winding thereof after y^e: way that hath been used and is approved of by the $Comp^a$: & commended to us requires more time and all workemen are not fitt for the same, w^{ch}: might bring us to resolutions in engageing in y^t: of y^e other Sorts also were we not prevented by that small power you seem to allow us in things of the Smallest moment. If Punjah may be bought up then a greater quantity may be had but whether 7000 bales we much question this year, the greatest quantity ever bought by the Dutch in one year wee are acquainted was but 4500 bales; of late years they have not come near y^t: quantity, but this it seems by discourse some of us have had with their new Director (who is invested with a greater power and Latitude of acting in those concerns then his late Predecessour) as if they would enlarge of what they have done Severall years past, wee know if effects be not wauting our Interest is not Short of theirs at all in this Province and it hath been greater as well in relation to other goods as this comodity of Silk we buying at more advantadgeous terms as our Masters have been Sensible of when by the Dutch Ships being taken they had a view of their Goods & Acc^{os}: but it must be allowed that wee must not expect to get their goods out of their hands or hinder their Investments unless wee did advance considerably thereon, but we need not trouble our Selves ab^t: that, y^e: Countrey being large enough for us both, tho this buisness of Silk, and soe of any others, comeing of a Sudden may not be complyed with wholly the first year yet being continued that or a greater quantity may be obtained, the Dutch buy Punjah altogether & if wee did soe or mostly wee Should get much the more and be ready in better time much trouble being thereby avoyded it being but two Sorts and may come in entire bales whereas the other being in many Sorts and unequall proportions takes up thrice y^e: time to looke over, Sort, weigh off and pack up; wee had dispeeded M^r: Needham away to his charge ere your aforesaid advices arrived w^{th}: rup^s: 30,000: giving him Instructions to be looking out for Silk in those Parts and had taken care for some here in doing whereof wee mett w^{th}: some opposition. In our Councell tho your orders are found to hitt exactly w^{th}: w^t: we then resolved upon, and wee shall now likewise in pursuance of those orders write to Ballasore about y^e: Same if any there to be had w^{ch}: we never knew but of a very Sorry Sort, we have a Sort called Moga Silk w^{ch}: wee cannot so well describe but it is known to some of you very well and possibly you may obtain some Musters it having been a comodity formerly in your parts it is made in the Osham countrey and very good worke is made of it, if you please wee shall send some home thereof it hath been sold generally from 4: to 8: and sometimes Rup^s: 12: the Seer tho lately some having had quantities on their hands it hath been bought cheaper here to our knowledge then y^e: prime costs, but if demanded it will come out as before noted or from 4: to 6: rup^s: no quantity can be gotten this year but another, $Somew^t$: Considerable if yo^u: order y^e: Same however yett went home never any quantity coming hither till of late.

[Margin: the Dutch never invested more then 4500 ba^s: in one year. — In some time 7000: ba^s: or more may be provided, tho not of a Suddain. — Mr Needham Sent to Maulda w^{th}: rup^s: 30000: — Moga Silk a good Sort of Silk.]

The arrivall of the Ships w^{th}: yo^u: soe late wee are sorry for, but as before noted was not in us to help and had hoped you would not so much as mentioned it to us being it was wholly occasioned by y^e: order of Sending the Bengall Merchant last & to touch at Madapollam and $Metchlep^a$:. Wee suppose by what we can guess from yours y^t: some of the Commanders acquainted you the Ships were long laden ere they were dispeeded to you, we wish those Gentlemen (let y^e: expression be pardoned) had putt down y^e: sett time of Staying for their dispatch and then wee might have been more perticular; but in the generall they none of them Stayed more then a day if soe long after they were laden and Surely you allow some time for the bills of Ladeing and examination of the Same with their receipts with the Scrupulosity of y^e: Commanders this year more then ever caused to be very tedious in so much that it was late in y^e: night ere y^t: y^e: Bengall Merchant's was finished, and tho we knew it would be a disappointment to send the Shipps without their Invoyces yet that wee might as much as in us lay accelerate their arrivall with you we chose rather to dispeed y^m: w^{th}out them then to detard them for the same. 'tis not your pressing arguments nor refreshing

[Margin: M^r: Vincent's excuse in $answ^r$: to w^t: y^e: $Command^{rs}$: alleadge ag^{st}: him ab^t: y^e: dispatch of y^e: Ships.]

our memory (of w^{ch}: we Still thinck we have no need) cannot at all help this affair, for our Masters commands are of Such power & y^{e}: nature of the affair itselfe is of Such force as to make Such impressions in us as not to omitt any thing that may tend to the accomplishing of what so much desired by them and endeavoured by us, but the Sloops could carry no more then their burthen and must have their due time to goe down and the goods theirs to come to us from the Inland Factories in w^{ch}: it does not appear but all diligence and Expedition was used, thõ we find the blame must be ours be the fault where it will.

M^{r}: Vincent sayes y^{e}: Comp^{as}: commands of such force, y^{t}: there needs no pressing or refreshing of memory to hasten it.

We did in ours to the Honble: Comp^{a}: make Severall proposalls for preventing this growing evill w^{ch}: if made use of will wee hope have it's true efficacy we Shall (now on receipt of yours) add one more that is that yo^{u}: would please to enorder or limitt a certain day for dispeeding the Ships to yo^{u}: laden or not laden for if they Stay not for their full proportion of lading hence they may be dispatched as soon as you please as ab^{t}: the 10th: or 15th: December those that are to touch at Maddapollam & Metchlep^{a}: and the 10: January those to goe directly to y^{e}: Fort and to order also a sett time when wee Shall begin to Send the Sloops down with goods. Wee alwayes hitherto forbearing to begin to lade them for the Ships in y^{e}: road untill the begining of Novemb^{r}: untill w^{ch}: time the yearly Storme here is not Secured, if these things are don and any goods are left behind it will easily appear whose fault the same is and so be known where to charge the blame. Wee are willing to bear our own faults but not those of others what happens by undispensible necessity and not to be foreseen or warded, nor as it were to lye in y^{e}: trough of y^{e}: Sea to be Slighted, blamed and reflected on both on one Side and the other. It will be found necessary that more then one Ship receive her dispatch directly for England this year in regard wee Shall have so great an Investment. Wee understand that the Surrat Ships went thence y^{s}: year the 24th: January had we Liberty of sending our goods soe directly for England as wee have proposed w^{ch}: will require as great or greater Tonnage as theirs we should not doubt to effect the same as soon and give our Masters as good content as any other of their Servants doe in that perticular. 'Tis noe difficult matter for the other Factoryes to send their books to us in July yea in June if not hindred by somewhat extraordinary and so we to send ours compleated to you in a month after but if they doe not comply herein what can wee say or doe they all know wee have no power over them w^{ch}: surely is one cause they comply not with our orders in that point.

on [An ?] order desired for a set day to dispatch y^{e}: Ships in.

and to send y^{e}: Sloops down wth: goods.

M^{r}: Vincent willing to be blamed for his owne and not for others faults.

If y^{e}: Inland Factories send their books in June, then Hugly bookes may be sent to the Fort a month after.

We shall according to your orders dispatch an express to you monthly and to that end write the Sev^{ll}: Factories to be sending their Dyaries &c^{a}: sooner to us, y^{t}: so if possible you may receive such light into our affairs as to give if need be Seasonable & suitable directions which were we left unto our Selves would not be needed, and therefore we are very Sorry to understand the Honble: Comp^{as}: resolutions of having y^{e}: Bay Still to depend on the Agency at the Fort w^{ch}: could we have known sooner tho our Judgement as to y^{t}: perticular is Still the same wee might have spared the pains of making our addresses for a Release therefrom, but however it will not (wee hope) be ill taken either by them or you that wee made any proposalls directly to them in our Judgements indubitably tending to their advantage and healing our owne disorders. You observe animosities among us and wee Shall not question but you have taken good notice of the grounds & causes thereof and that w^{ch}: emboldens those persons to those unbecoming reflections as well as most false and malicious calumnies upon the ℣ son of him termed Cheife of y^{e}: Bay tho by some not owned as Such and wee wish you had done somewhat more then wee yet see towards an accomodation for you cannot think that wee can suffer our Selves to be villifyed by Persons of such lives and Reputation and not take notice thereof and in some measure detect their villanous and impudent untruths and Slanders as you may perceive some of them are and of which you may on enquiry have proofe before you.

promise of sending monthly expresses.

M^{r}: Vincent's resents his folly in writing to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: for an independency to y^{e}: Fort since y^{e}: Comp^{a}: resolve to continue them dependent.

M^{r}: Vincent's uncivill retortion on y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: for not accomodating differences (as he says) better and his rude names & termes he affixes on others.

promise or procuring Saltpetre & Turmerick.

Salpetre [*sic*] and Turmerick Shall be endeavoured after to as great a quantity as possible.

Treasure out of y^{e}: Madapoll^{m}: Copper Sold at rup^{s}: 27: ꝑ m^{d}:

The Sloope Maddapollam being arrived we have rec^{d}: the goods and Treasure on Shoare and sent the Letter to Cassumbazar without diverting the same to any other use as you enorder in terminis, the goods we shall sell as well as we can. Copper's a meer drugg that of Jappan having been sold lately for 27: rup^{s}.

errors ab^{t}: y^{e}: Invoyce not being sent.

About the Bengall Merchant wee have Spoken already it was an error here if one of her Bills of Lading were not sent you by the George and a greater at Maddapollam and Metchlepatam if according to our Intimation to those Cheifs &c^{a}: they did not hand our advises w^{ch}: enclosed that Ships Bill of Ladeing immeadiately on her arrivall with them to You but as wee know nothing of your buisness at the Coast soe wee are not to contrive about that, onely as before hinted had not your order controuled us you might have had the Bengall with you the same time you had the other Ships.

Concerning John Hampton & his Sallary.

Wee observe your placeing Jno: Hampton Master of the Sloope & not to be removed his wages to be equall with George Herrin and Samuell Sherman, whose Sallaries differ one having as Eldest Pilott 44^{rups}: 8^{a}: ꝑ month and 11^{rs}: dyett money the other 40^{r}: ꝑ m^{o}: and 11 rup^{s}: dyet money and how to make his coequall with both theirs wee know not therefore till your further Orders shall allow him y^{e}: same with the latter he is at present unacquainted in the River and must have his time to learn and untill he is capable he cannot be entrusted with her when laden (her first Cargo, and in a tempestuous time of the year too, being likely to be to a considerable am^{o}: in Treasure) without evident hazard unless there be a Pilott on purpose wee have few freemen here that can doe it and if they goe on her it will cost 100: rup^{s}: y^{e}: Voyage up and down and wee cannot aske any of our Pilotts to doe it nor will they any of them Saile under him but rather be contented to loose their Service, we wish you had not thought good to have put him in upon Such an Acco^{t}: knowing wee have soe many and those able Pilotts who doe expect to be preferred before the new, and more especially since you had once soe good an opinion of Roger Edwards (who indeed is not unworthy thereof being a very carefull industrious man and able enough) and were concern'd for our putt[ing] George Herrin into the new Sloope in his Stead he being now by this put more back then before, our intentions were if it had been left to us to have put Samuell Sherman in the new Sloope and Roger Edwards in his and the Eldest the Mates into Roger Edward's whereby all would have gone in order and they been encouraged in their buisness but this hath frustrated all their hopes and is a very great damping to them that you intended it (soe) wee say not, therefore on consideration of what offered hope you will give new orders concerning it.

ab^{t}: Roger Edwards George Herrin & Samuell Sherman, and y^{e}: placeing y^{m}

Want of Assistance in Hughly Factory.

You say we have no want of assistance in this Factory indeed wee were lately provided indifferently well but two are taken off Viz^{t}: M^{r}: Stanley and another whome wee are necessi[ta]ted to continue in Ballasore for assistance of Thomas Bromley who as wee wrote you is not capable of performing what may be expected from him and of whome wee gave you an acc^{o}: but have not any thing in reply so that in this Factory at present we have but three Writers and one Factor besides the Councell and if onely the writeing work be but considered it will appear as many more were necessary for wee have three Coppies of Letters Sent and rec^{d}: to and from all the Factories as many of our Dyaries and w^{ch}: this year are become long by the dissentions among us, As also Charges generall warehouse bookes and books of Acc^{ot}: all which to be done well require many hands besides the other necessary work that must also be attended on so that wee may well affirme, wee have great cause to complain for want of Assistance. In Cassumbazar they have 3: Writers and 2: Factors besides the Councell, the other Factories unless at Dacca should all be better Supplyed more especiall Maulda which is like unto Cassumbaz^{r}: in their dealings and will require neer if not altogether as much assistance when it shall be afforded them.

Wee sent you our Acco[t]: of Cash with our Dyary and Consultation book made up to the fine of Xember w[ch]: is according to the rule, wee at that time knowing of no other, wee shall hence forward send them monthly with those of y[e]: Inland Factoryes if they arrive timely concerning which wee Shall write to them all, that they send their Dyarys away from each respective place by the 5[th]: of y[e]: month following by which means we may constan[t]ly by the 20[th]: be dispeeding all hence towards you. **Acco: of Cash & Dyarys sent. promise to send them monthly.**

Enclosed wee send you Coppie of Severall Clauses received from Cassumbazar the 18[th]: instant about their Investment of Raw Silk and according to the pattren of Sarcanetts received lately over land from the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: **Sevll· clauses ab[t]: ye: Silk from Cassumbazar sent.**

Wee await your further directions promised us in yours of y[e]: 20th: ult[o]: and hope they will come back't with such penalties as we may be capacitated on occasion to inflict and may effectually deterr any from Swerving therefrom. **hopes of further directions back't with penalties.**

Here is a good Sort of Shell Lack to be had in these parts which may Serve to supply want of tunnage of this wee intend to endeav[r]: for a quantity to the amount of 50: Tonns if not forbidden by yo[r]: next Advices. **Shell Lack to be had in Bengall.**

Wee have not else to add save the Subscription of Right Worp[ll]: &c[a]: Councell Your humble Serv[ts]: MATTHIAS VINCENT—EDWARD LITTLETON—FRANCIS ELLIS—RI: FRENCHFEILD.

P: S:

Your Packett by the Madapollam Sloope wee rec͠[d]: the 20th: Instant and Stayed for that expected from you overland untill this 25th: tho not yet come to our hands as also for the Dyarys &c[a]: of the Inland Factories w[t]: to that time were arrived wee sent you as inlisted the Diaries come Short from Maulda or Englezavad because in M[r]: Needhams absence here and his Second's employment at the Mint at Rajamaul there was but one man left in that Factory for all buisness, that therefore might come Short in this. Wee used also to receive theirs from Pattana sooner then this monthly, but we suppose their time lately has been extraordinarily taken up by their troubles in that Province w[ch]: makes us the more willing to hold them excused the next month wee hope all (except from Dacca) will come in y[e]: Method desired.

The Ballance of our Cash seems great tho is far from being really so, since after wee have fully discharged our Merchants acco[s]: (whose Creditts are considerable and have been in paying all the last month as well as this but not entered till finished and having sent rup[s]: 30,000: w[th]: M[r]: Needham to Maulda as before noted, wee Shall not have much left more then what has always been usuall and thought convenient to be kept constantly in case of any extraordinary emergency in this Factory. Idem MAT[S]: VINCENT—E: LITTLETON—FRANCIS ELLIS—RI: FRENCHFIELD.

TRANSLATE OF A LR͠E: FROM GOPALL DARJEE PONTULO FROM PORTO NOVO TO THE RIGHT: WORP[LL]: W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R]: GOV[R]:

DATED 14: JUNE
RECD[D]: 18: DO.

I enjoy good health, wishing to hear the like from your Worp͠; whereas I rec͠[d]: yo[r]: Worp[s]: Lr͠e in a good hour, I heartily rejoyced thereat, your Worp͠: wrote me to send to you some Islambod & Porto Novo Merchants and that you would send me something as a gratuity, w[ch]: is not the Custome of our Divan, what did your Worp͠: mean thereby I know not? when your Worp͠: writes to me hereafter you may please to understand it well, and to write me w[th]: a reall will, I should be undoubtedly check'd; if I should send the Merchants thithir w[th]out Harje Rajas Leave, neither will I ever consent to any new Customes, soe may it please yo[r]: Worp͠: to send to the Sea Ports where you intend to trade, one of your People to talke with the Merchants and to agree w[th]: them ab[t]: your trade

& merchandize but for your Worp : to send for the M^r^chants thither whensoever you have a mind to Speake with them I shall not Send them w^th^out Harje Rajas licence, wherefore I entreate yor : Worp : not to continue writeing ab^t^ : it, you may please to send one of yor : Merchants along w^th^ : yor : people to trade here and when he arrives here he may discourse with these Merch^ts^ : and if they like, they will trade w^th^ : you concerning w^ch^ : your Worp : may please to remain Sattisfyed what will it Signifye to the M^r^chants to come to you, when your Worp : doth send to trade here then I shall beleive you did really intend it, and there will be freindship between you and y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : & thereby you may trade as you please, wherefore you may please not to make any longer delay, but to send hither soe soon as possible you can for on my part I shall take a perticular care that there shall be no manner of hindrance in buying or Selling yor : goods in yor : tradeing, but shall rather Strictly order the countrey people to ℘mit yor : buisness to goe well on, as for other matters, you know that there is a Cowle already granted you, according to y^e^ : contents of w^ch^ : I shall not faile to act, nor diminish it in the least, for I Shall not increase or diminish one tittle of what Harje Raja hath granted in the Cowle I shall punctually observe the Same, and therefore be pleased not to make any longer delay in sending a Civill person hither to goe on with your Merchandize, and to doe the same without faile, so I omitt enlargeing any further herein desireing to keep yor : Worp^s^ : love towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E: FROM OUR BRAMINE CHENDRA SHECARIAH & MADANA FROM CODALOORE, TO Y^E^: R^T^: WORP^LL^: W^M^; GYFFORD ESQ^R^: GOV^R^:

DATED 11th JULY 1682
RECD 18 : D°:

Since I tooke leave of yor : Worp : the Horses being not well able to travell, wee were forced to ley some few dayes longer by y^e^ : way, & at last wee gott to Chittambarram, where wee delivered yor : Worp^s^ : Lr̃e : to y^e^ : Subidar Gopall Pontulo, & yor : message by word of mouth, who did heartily rejoyce thereat, & told me y^t^ : Soe long as yor : Worp : would Shew your Selfe kind to him, he will never neglect Serveing your Worp^l^ : in any thing and endeavour to please yor : Worp : more & more for the future, and that your Worp : must not thinke he designes to doe but just so much as is mentioned in the Cowle, Your Worp : desires to have Circawns house for our people to be in but y^e^ : Cheife Subidars Lady Amica Baiæ being desirous to See the Sea Ports, the Subidar hath given order to have it made clean for her, w^ch^ : they have been ab^t^ : this month, and had it not been so that there was a report, that there was some Treasure buryed in y^e^ : house, and that troubles hath risen at Tirunamala concerning the same which I suppose yor : Worp : hath heard before now, and if notwithstanding all this I should permitt your people to live in the house there will be complaints sent up to the Divan, that your People and I together have taken all the Treasure away, therefore there was a house at Cudaloor belonging to one Anna Redy, and severall other great houses and hath ordered the Avaldar of Cudaloor to fitt one or two of those houses for us to take w^ch^ : wee like best and order'd me to goe thither w^ch^ : I did accordingly when I came hither having looked on all y^e^ : houses, I doe find Anna Redy's house to be the best of any the Said house stands 130 : yards distant on y^e^ : west side of Seir Cawns house, the breadth of the ground from North to South is 25 : yards and for the upper Roomes towards the Street I referr your Worp : to the paper sent herewith, there are two houses more but they have not upper roomes therefore I thought fitt to choose the house first menc̃oned for it's goods Scituation, there is a Banksall likewise belonging to the house, whereas the Subidar hath order'd me to see the houses and returne to him again, I am going to Porto Novo, the Toddy horse is troubled with a paine in his breast and the Staggers and the black horse is hipt, for w^ch^ : reason no body would ride upon him, and they are both in a bad condition, concerning which may it please yor : Worsp : to order as you Shall thinck fitt.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FRO' BRAMINE PODULA LYNGAPAH TO YE: RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: GOVERNR:

DATED JULY } 1682.
RECD: 15th: DO:

I here enjoy good [health] and wish to hear ye: like from yor: Worp: the Annuall Rent yor: Worp: used to pay for Chinnapn: to the Divan is not payd yet, for the last year concerning wch: I having[writ] to yor: Worp: once before you sent me an answer that yor: agreement was to pay the begining of June, wch: time is now past, wherefore you may please to remitt the 1200: Pagods: you are to pay to Sango Vishvanata Narrainaonado to Congevaram, for I have long agoe sent up to ye: Court the money you are to pay, having borrowed ye: sd: Sume here, for I have recd: ye: Rent of ye: Countrey, by 3: proportions of ye: yeare, & whereas yor: Worp: doth love me, I have forbore till now, so may it please yor: Worp: to send ye: sd: money wth: all Expedition, & to get a receipt for ye: Same.

I suppose yor: Worp: hath already heard of a Ship belonging to his Lordsp Accana, wch: is all ready built, & goods providing for her, and whensoever Madapontulo, who is towards you, shall desire yor: Worps: assistance in any thing for ye: Ships buisness, I entreat yor: Worsp: to favour him in his request as tho it were your owne concerns, and whereas I am yor: Worps: freind I omit enlarging further abt: it, whatsoever Assistance yor: Worp: Shall afford him, is to yor Honor Mado Kistnaw & Sango Vishvanato Narrainando resides in those parts for whome I entreat yor: Worp: to keepe yor: Love as you are my freind, and to hear them in wt: soever they shall desire you and to doe so as I may have cause to rejoyce thereat.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR: AGENT & GOVR: &CA: COUNCELL.

Rt: Worpll: Sr: &ca:

MADDAPOLLAM JULY 3D: } 1682.
RECD: DO: 17

Wee have recd: yors: of ye: 5th: past ye: 17th: ditto wherein you are pleased to advise that your meaning was to deliver out ye: Compas: money to ye: Merchants, at 6 ℔Cent advance, and not 6 ℔Cent ℔anu Interest, but if you please to ℔use yours of ye: primo June, you will find, you there order us to deliver out ye: money as usuall, tho you are pleased to express it, at 6: ℔ Ct: advance, wch: ye: merchants would by no means consent to having never taken any on those terms, but always at Interest, wch: was accordingly paid them ye: 10th: past, wch: we found a great deal of difficulty to make them take, they declaring to have some time supplied their occasions otherways, but this we beleived they might doe in expectation of having the money paid them on acco: of ye: Investmt: free of interest, to wch: we gave ym: this reply, yt: they had consented to waite till we should receive orders concerning it, wch: we now had, & therefore if they did not receive it they were lyable to pay ye: Interest that should amot: on ye: sume tenderd them being Pagods: 24000, from that time to ye: conclusion of ye: Investmt:, when it should be reckoned into their accots: having detained them some hours till late at night, and they being desirous to be gone we then told them that they were to remain in ye: Factory till they should comply wth: wt: they had before agreed, or till we should receive orders from you how to proceed therein, wch: after they had for some time condecended thereto, wch: we have been something ye larger on, because you: seeme to be dissatisfyed wth: wt: we did therein Saying you are willing to condecend to it for this year because it is late.

As to wt: you: advise our not mentioning any thing concerning ye: Gulconda Beteelaes, you orderd if ye: Metchlepa: Merchants would undertake them, wee should leave them out of our contract, wch: we have advised Mr: Field by whome we understand they have undertaken ye: provission thereof.

We have again in persuance of yor: orders tenderd to Verdina Grua his ¼℔t: of ye: Investment giving him to understand yt: at present we were out of Cash, but

as soon as we should receive a Supply from you, we should pay him his proportion of money, to w^{ch}: he replied that it was now very late in the yeare, & y^{t}: it [would] not [be] possible [to] provide so great a quantity of goods, if he were not now supplyed wth: money wee therefore sent for y^{e}: merchants & orderd them if they had money remaining to pay Verdina Grua his ¼ : ꝑ^{t}: of w^{t}: we had paid them to w^{ch}: they replyed that they were not at p^{r}sent possest of any money having Disperst it in the Countrey for y^{e}: provission of goods & paying Debts they had contracted for; by taking up money not using to pay interest to keepe it by them.

Wee have therefore according to your order endeavoured to get some of y^{e}: Dutch Merchants, but none of them will engage for any part of our Investment, being now soe late, & if they should the Dutch would immeadiately expulse them from any thing of their trade, being contrary to y^{e}: tennour of their Contract; who have endeavoured w^{t}: they could to draw our Merchants from us, wee have therefore taken in foure others as Principall Merch^{ts}: & eight to be assistants to them as under Merchants for whome y^{e}: old Merchants are Security, soe that we have now thirty Merchants for y^{e}: mannagement of our Investments being before two under Merchants under each principall Merchants, & have agreed to pay y^{e}: new Merchants their proportion of money on acco^{t}: of the Investment as soon as we shall receive effects from you.

You are pleased to order y^{t}: wee provide the full quantity of goods according to list sent us y^{e}: last year, tho we advised you in ours of y^{e}: 16th: May that the Merchants had objected against providing 10000 p^{s} Longcloth ordinary, & would not be brought to contract for them, but promised to do w^{t}: they could therein; we therefore fear we shall fall Short thereof, but shall not be wanting to press them to a complyance therein, what we wrote you concerning sending downe somebody to looke after y^{e}: packing y^{e}: cloth, after Sorted, was w^{t}: you were pleased to order, w^{ch}: we requested, here being no body to spare for that Employment tho to y^{e}: best of our knowledge here hath been never any such thing acted, as putting the lower nombers to y^{e}: higher; but wee find you are displeased wth: w^{t}: wee have wrote you by Saying wee seeme to Signify to yo^{u}: y^{t}: if you are not Sattisfyed wth: w^{t}: we do, yo^{u}: may employ some body else, we never intended any such thing thereby, w^{t}: wee did being onely to vindicate our Selves from those aspersions cast on us, for had we been wholly Silent you could not have done less then have concluded y^{e}: truth thereof, & wee hope nothing wee have wrote will bear y^{t}: construction you are pleased to put thereon, wee therefore entreate y^{t}: yo^{u}: will please if you apprehend any thing amiss y^{t}: wee have or shall act in y^{e}: Comp^{as}: concerns to advise us thereof, and we shall endeavour to amend it for the future.

You are pleased to advise y^{t}: yo^{u} cannot spare us any assistance, being now about Settling Codaloor factory, & do judge y^{t}: we have already is Sufficient, wondring y^{t}: wee should desire to encrease y^{e}: charge of y^{e}: Factory wherein we have been as frugall as possible, wee humbly intreate you to consider y^{t}: we are now but 3: ꝑsons belonging to this Factory who are not able to mannage the buisness incumbant upon us and if any person should happen to be ill how badly two could be spared therefore intreat you will please to send w^{t}: further Assistance you shall judge necessary Wee thought not convenient to present Hussan Beague with any thing, when here, but to putt him off till y^{e}: Ships arrivall, having nothing in y^{e}: Factory worthy his acceptance, w^{ch}: he esteemed as a disrespect, but understanding he Suddainly intended for Gulcondah in expectation of y^{e}: Cirkells Place, w^{ch}: if he obtains 'tis certain y^{e}: Governm^{t}: of these Parts will be setled on some body else, who will expect to be presented so that to have given him any thing would have signified little.

Wee now remitt our Dyary & Consultations, Acc^{t}: Cash, Acc^{t}: Expences for y^{e}: last M^{o}: wth: a tran[s]cript of y^{e}: ballance of our generall Bookes Lre G: wherein you will find Allum Poppaia Stands D^{r}: thereon the amo^{t}: of w^{t}: p^{d}: him for freight of Timbers, w^{ch}: wee intreat yor: order concerning, whether we shall write it of to his creditt in next books, the Timbers being laden on board his

Vessell and dispatcht hence, the loss of y[e]: Voyage not being occasioned by his neglect, therefore it would be very hard measure to make him make good y[e]: damage thereof, if it were in our power since it was occasioned by y[e]: misinformation y[t]: had been sent y[e]: Govern[r]: of Narsapore, that they belonged not to y[e]: Comp[a]: therefore y[e]: Actors thereof ought to make good y[e]: damage w[ch]: is w[t]: we thinck needfull at p[r]sent to offer so remain, R[t]: Worp Sir &c[a]: Your most obedient Serv[ts]: Jn[o]: Davis—Sam: Wales.

Transcript of y[e]: Gennerall Books shall some time in this M[o]: be sent up to you.

Idem.
J. D.
S. W.

To y[e]: R[t]: Worp[ll]: W[m]: Gyfford Esq[r]:
Agent & Gov[r]: &c[a]. Councell.

R[t]: Worp[ll]: S[r]: &c[a]: Metchlepatam y[e]: 2[d]: July } 1682
rec[d]: 17th D[o].

Wee have rec[d]: yours of y[e]: 1st: 5th: y[e] 14th: Ult[o]: to w[ch]: wee shall now respectfully reply.

The Merchant for y[e]: Broadcloth is some time Since arrived to whome we have Sold 50 p[s]: Broad cloth at 21: pag[ds]: each, amounting to 1050: pag[ds]:

Wee perceive both by yo[r]: Gen[rall]: to us and y[e]: R[t]: Worp[ll]: Govern[rs]: Lre to y[e]: Gov[r]: here y[e]: many base & false aspersions he has been pleased to cast upon John Field but intreat you to beleive he is not in any thing to blame having used all fair means to make them our freinds but all in vain, & whosoever it be y[t]: has informed your Worp: &c[a]: of Jn[o]: Fields bad language to him and passionate expressions, he utterly denies y[e]: former, and y[e]: latter were they in y[e]: place & Sensible of y[e]: prejudice would accrew to their reputation if not more to have the Comp[as]: priviledges likely to be utterly lost under their mannagem[t]: of Affairs, wee beleive they might be apt to say more, and M[r]. Jearsey knowes when more passionate Expressions were used to y[e]: Gov[rs]: face and more Severity acted y[e]: Comp[as]: Affairs went better on; and M[r]: Hatton's Complacency hath been a great occasion of y[e]: affronts now offered, being more then begun in his time, and when he did write to Court upon some fair words the answears were not delivered, w[ch]: was y[e]: Gov[rs]: policy he receiving coppies before wee y[e]: originalls, however wee shall follow your order & try once more what fair words will doe, but it is not y[e]: temper of y[e]: Moors to be dealt w[th]: civillity, w[ch]: wee humbly present to yo[r]: Worp[s]: &c[a]: consideration.

After much trouble & time Spent, we have contracted w[th]: our Merchants for all y[e]; goods provided last year, but tho have often put them in mind yet cannot get them to bring in musters of Chints; the Carpett Merchant is sent for when shall agree w[th]: him for them as last year, and for y[e]: Golconda Betteelaes wee have brought them to 8: ℘ C[t]: abatement but w[th]: a present to each head Merchant of 3: y[ds]: Scarlett.

Our Boatemen have procured money to pay y[e] Govern[rs] unreasonable demands y[e]: person that lent y[e]: money to y[m]: doth promise we shall have the use of y[e]: boats but must pay y[e]: countrey price, which is better in our opinions then to be at a hazard of a want since no others will be at our comand we not being able to protect them, the Boatme[n] have complained to Court & rec[d]: answer they can do nothing in it till hear from y[e]: English at Madrass or Metchlep[a]: w[ch]: we refer to your Worp: &c[a]: our application at Court having been so unsuccessfull.

We have herew[th]: sent you our Consultations, Dyary & Acco[t]: Cash w[th]: Timothy Harris's Acco[t]: Expences for May & June as also a Lre rec[d]: from y[e]:

Honble: Comp^{as}: Egyb at Gulcondah directed to yor: Worp: and Coppy of another from Madana to this Governour very effectuall if any thing would doe wth: him, but Since he gives out a new Settlement of himselfe in this place, and you require us to try a freindly correspondency wth: him once more we shall yet delay delivering y^{e}: Lre least it might further disgust him perceiving he values no order from Court, declareing he will not except they come from his Master, whose orders hitherto rec^{d}: wee esteeme will prove but prejudiciall to be delivered, and altho you wrote to y^{e}: Egib to procure another order more Authentick then the former, yet we doe not find he has hitherto done it however we have some [incling] this Governour is upon a remove, w^{ch}: God grant since we are sure no human Creature can be worse either as to incivillity to Strangers, Tyranny over poor People under pretence of kindness unto them, disobeying his Princes orders or lessning his revenues by his abuses to Merchants & others w^{ch}: is farr more easy to be made appear towards him then y^{e}: least of the Calumnies he has cast upon Jno: Field, but wee need not write more to yor: Worp: &c^{a}: to clear our Selves Since we presume to be confident farr less may possess you wth. a beleife of w^{t}: wee write, nor Shall wee further trouble you or our Selves about Such an ill temper'd person but till fresh abuses (w^{ch}: we question not he will soon give us) Wee shall continue Silent & respectfully remain, R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}: Your very humble Serv^{ts}: JOHN FFIELD—GEORGE RAMSDEN—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

George Ramsden hath some time Since been arrived here to whome is delivered y^{e}: Charge of y^{e}: Warehouse as you enorder.

P.S.

Wee have severall times discours't the Merchants about the Cummum Beteelaes w^{ch}: was a peice M^{r}: Wynne accidentally mett wth: up in y^{e}: Countrey & sold him extraordinary cheap by a Weaver who had Occasion to dispose thereof; by M^{r}: Wynne presented to M^{r}: Master with an acco^{t}: of it's cost and by him Sent to the Comp^{a}: for a Muster, & by them returned wth: an order to provide a quantity at that price, & upon y^{t}: Muster; but we have procured others w^{ch}: we now Send you wth: Ticketts Sewed upon them q^{t} their length & breadth & Prices and now 8: ℘ Cent: abatement thereon to w^{ch}: wee referr you humbly requesting yor: Speedy answer the Time of year being so far expired.

Our Boatemen make it their humble request to you, that you would by writeing to Court be pleas'd to procure ye repayment of y^{e}: money so wrongfully taken from them, & with all Submission to yor: better Judgem^{ts}: it would not onely be a kindness to y^{e}: Boatmen but y^{e}: only means to deter y^{e}: govern^{r}.: from proceeding in y^{e}: like for y^{e}: future, whereas otherwise he wil alwayes presume to offer y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: y^{e}: Same Affronts.

We hearewith send you y^{e}: genr^{ll}: Books of y^{e}: Factory for y^{e}: last year by w^{ch}: you will perceive wee have severall Europe goods remaining in y^{e}: Factory all w^{ch}: excepting y^{e}: Broadcloth rashes & Lead, are not worth near their prime cost, wherefore request your Orders what to doe wth: them; A list of the prices herewith wee send you; We shall want this year ab^{t}: 20: halfe peeces Scarlett: 6: Looking Glasses in Black frames 12: broad Crooked Sword blades y^{e}: Streight ones not being acceptable, and some few toyes for presents but not many; wee also request if any to spare to lett us have more assistance for writeing.

Our Letter Paper y^{e}: last year was so exceeding bad that'twas fitt for no use, & had there not been some remains, wee had been at a loss, & Since that has been expended wee have been forced to cut our longer paper for letter use wherefore intreat you to favour us this year wth: some y^{t}: is good, as also some good Inck & other writeing necessaries as Penknives, Standishees, Pencills, Quills, Book & Consultantion [*sic*] Paper.

Wee have proffer'd y^{e}: Europe Cloth & Lead to ye Merchants but they dare not meddle wth: it Since they are assured before hand y^{e}: Govern^{r}: will make

them pay Junckan besides other abuses that will be offer'd them; wee have engaged for 24: halfe peeces Broadcloth at 21: pagods: each, to ye: same Merchant yt: used to buy formerly Vizt: Sankerdess, but more he will not be perswade[d] to give by reason a great part of what he formerly bought lying [on] his hands at Golcondah & a good quantity likewise that went from Madrass, here is a Merchant that is willing to take some off some Broadcloth at ye: same price to provide ye: Compa: Cloth propper for Europe excepting Allejaes & 15: covds: ꝑ Collaes but we having already contracted for ye: full quantity required by ye: Honoble: Compa: wee dare not proceed herein without yor order.

J: D:—J: ff:—G: R:—T: H:

To ye: Rt: Worpll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Goverr: &ca · Councell.

Metchlepa: ye: 14: July } 1682
recd: 24: Do: }

Rt: Worpll: Sr: &ca:

Yesterday wee recd: a Lre from ye: Cirkell concerning part of ye: Factory house & ground and we have nothing more to produce for our Right thereto then a long possession & entryes in this Factory Books Letter B; ye: 24th: February 1681: and whereas ye Cirkell writes he beleives a small gratuity may pacifye all; wee have once formerly propounded Such a thing to wch: the demand was to forgive the 200: old Pagods: wch: was lately 400. new; the present building to be ye: Owner's of ye: ground or to pay him what he Shall demand for ye old house then Standing (worth nothing) and then to pay him rent as Should be agreed upon to wch: wee could by no means consent, and this morning the Persian has been wth: us abt: ye: Factory ground accompanied wth: ye: Codjees Servant to whom we declared how ye: case Stood & profferd him upon payment of ye: 200: pagods: to pay him ye: accustomed rent wch: he being not able to doe wee proffer'd to give him something for Charity provided he would make no further claim to wch: he would by no means consent but is intended to make a second complaint and it being thus wee request your Worps: &ca: order how to act.

We have now drawn out Coppy of our Phyrmaund ye: Egyb writing for it altho you informe us you sent it up your Selves and have now sent it by these Peons, referring it to your pleasure to send it forward or detain it but wee find in the Phyrmaund a clause mentioning 4: pagods: Oxhire to any Part of ye: Countrey, but Mr: Mainwaring who proved ye: Phyrmaund and all others since following his Example has constantly paid no more the 2: pagds: to Muckapett now it is to be feared when ye: Cirkell comes to see this Phyrmaund there may be notice taken of it, & ye: Governrs: Braminees håving an Accot: of all our goods sent up, there may be an Accot: made & ye: full sũme demanded for all goods sent for ye: years past, and tho they were ye: Company's Servants perticular trade yet some being dead and others gone away the damage may very probably fall upon ye: Compa:, wch: wee refer to your Worps: &ca: consideration & conclude, Rt: Worpll: Sr: &ca Your very humble Servts: John ffield—George Ramsden—Timothy Harris.

A coppy of that clause abt: ye: Factory Ground in ye: Compas: Bookes wee now send you.

MADDAPOLLAM Y^{E}: 21ST: AUGUST [*sic*] } 1682.
REC^{D}: 5: AUGST: }

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{E}:
AGENT & GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

We arrived here on Saturday last at night & yesterday being Sunday wee defferred any discourse with the Merchants till this morning; coppy of our Transactions this day wee here enclosed send you, and shall use our uttmost endeavours to bring all things to effect for y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Interest, and wee hope to your approbation, but you will see by our Consultation, that 'tis but bad Dutch Merchants that Wordnee Grua brings in.

This comes to you by M^{r}: John Davis whome you have licenced to come up to the Fort so that now wee are but two in Councell, wherefore wee hope you will supply y^{e}: deffect, there being much buisness upon our hands in a few dayes we shall give you a full answer to yours rec^{d}: by y^{e}: Williamson, in y^{e}: Interim we have [enquired] of the dubash & Bramine what Sallary they used to pay to Mutta Raza & Latchina to w^{ch}: they affirme they never payd any, and John ffield who hath lived in these parts these 18: years knows nothing of it more then to Grurazers Wife which Shall be paid.

We shall add no more but respectfully remain, R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Your very humble Serv^{ts}: JOHN FFIELD—JN^{O}: DAVIS—RICHARD BRERETON.

HUGLY 1ST: JULY } 1682.
REC^{D}: 10TH: AUGUST }

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{E}:
GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE & AGENT FOR Y^{E}:
HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{AS}: AFFAIRS ON
Y^{E}: COAST OF CORMENDELL & KINGDOMES OF BENGALL
& ORIXA &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

Wee take y^{e}: boldness to appear thus to you in generall to represent to you y^{t}: by reason of one or more futile persons in y^{e}: Councell of this place and the treacherous dealings of M^{r}: Hervy at Dacca the [*sic*] we cannot act in y^{e}: concern of y^{e}: great trouble lately raised on our Masters Affairs in these parts by demand of 3½: per Cent Custome as advised you in our generall hence of y^{e}: same date wth: these openly as wee desire and alwayes have been used in like cases, wherefore have been forced to send a Vacqueel apart to Dacca who may sollicite as for hence & bring all to pass w^{ch}: from plentifull Experience wee find M^{r}: Hervey would never in all likelyhood have don either in due time or y^{e}: limitt of any moderate expence as hath been seen in Severall former transactions of his in y^{e}: like kind, we hope to have your favourable Construction if not full approbation of w^{t}: done therein since the mayor part of y^{e}: Councell of Bengall are of [our] opinion as to y^{e}: way & manner of transacting [of] this affair. A remedy for M^{r}: Hervy wee suddenly hope for from you as well as for[what] is irregular in other parts of this Cheifeship wth: w^{h}: we see not how so great a buisness can be carryed to content on any side. Wee Subscribe, R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: & Councell Your humble Serv^{ts}: MATT^{S}: VINCENT—EDW^{D}:—LITTLETON.

HUGLY Y^{E}: 4TH: OF JULY } 1682.
REC^{D}: 10TH: D^{O}: }

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{E}:
AGENT & GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

The prime Currant wee wrote you last & last night came to hand yours of y^{e}: 11th: of May w^{ch}: in respect of its Postscript enjoyning us thereto wee now come to answer w^{t}: convenient for us to respond unto therein having little or nothing

of any further advice to add at present since we then remitted you all gen^{ll}: papers of this Factory as well as w^{t}: had reached our hands from others Factories to y^{t}: time to which desire you to be reffered in y^{t}: by them you will see how our Investments goe on, what hindrance wee have like to be thrown on us by a late demand of 3½: ꝑ Cent: Custome in these parts, w^{t}: wayes wee have tryed both to Dacca & y^{e}: Emperors Court to gett the said retrived & remedyed &c^{a}:

Wee are verry Sorry to find our Scope so much misunderstood by you, in your answer to ours to you [. . .] by y^{e}: Shipping as also in your remarks on ours to y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: dated y^{e}: 31st: December last & do crave your pardon if in some places we did in both mind the Matter wee treated off more then y^{e}: modification or smooth wording thereof Since wee doe profess y^{t}: wee never intended any thing of Affront or reflection thereby on any one tho it seems to be so understood thro: y^{e}: whole Series of both those Letters wherever a sinister Interpretation is possibly applicable, that this Sort of Correspondence therefore may proceed no further wee Shall retrench our Selves y^{e}: Liberty of Speaking so fully to things as formerly tho at first wee apprehended our Selves invited to those Sort of advises & sit down content wth: answering w^{t}: propounded to us by you & as succinct a rellation of matter of fact as can be.

We made sure Acco^{t}: last year y^{t}: y^{e}: first Ship or Ships would have come with orders for Sailing up y^{e}: Ganges, w^{ch}: made us dispatch y^{e}: Sloopes Arrivall & Ganges y^{e}: 13th: June to Ballasore road wee have now sent them downe wth: a Factor on them & orders to demand of y^{e}: Severall Commanders their respective treasure (goods we cannot unport till some remedy at hand be sought in this demand of Custome in these parts) and having Supplyed Ballasore wth: its proportion of Treasure to send y^{e}: rest up in equall fourths on y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: 4: Sloops hither.

Wee have written yo^{u}: fully concerning M^{r}: Hearvy and sent you y^{e}: charge wee have exhibited agst: him and when his answer comes shall our remarks thereon for w^{t}: he or any man writes perticularly wee Suppose are not so generally to be taken notice as w^{t}: in generall as we have done, if wee cannot be hearkned unto as concerning him, wee must aquiesce be y^{e}: consequences never so bad since wee can only represent not force a beleife of w^{t}: wee say, as for M^{r}: Hervy's place wee can Supply it if you so please from among our Selves wth: a Person who is a Sober Person experienced in y^{t}: place, and one who will readily & punctually follow orders.

M^{r}: Threder never yet we are confident expected y^{e}: Secondship of Ballasore, nor is it his right, there being severall men before him of which M^{r}: Bromley now there in y^{e}: place of Warehousekeeper is y^{e}: first besides Sundry others if he be rejected y^{t}: claim y^{t}: preferm^{t}: by right of Succession before M^{r}: Threder, we shall therefore await your orders in this.

Wee have given orders to Ballasore to invest for 3000: p^{s}: Rhomalls & at Maulda for 2000: p^{s}: besides w^{t}: goods usually made in both those Manufactures and wee are endeavouring to improve every place w^{t}: possible having taken order from all places for Musters &c^{a}: as y^{e}: Honble: Company themselves and you have this year enorder'd us.

The reason of y^{e}: Sloops not coming up with Saltpetre &c^{a}: papers you will have by our last all y^{e}: papers you mention for England were dispatched on y^{e}: Ship Anne for England hence & wee hope may gett home in good time.

Wee reflected no Scandall on Fort S^{t}: George by w^{t}: wrote concerning y^{e}: manners of some persons sent to Bengall thence, for wee doe assert y^{t}: wee thinck y^{e}: place bearing y^{t}: Charector you mention, Spewed them out & we could wish it had rather directed their course for England then down hither whe [re] if we have not all along been mightily Scandalized there is little occasion for such persons. We know not wherein we have disobeyed yor: orders, where it has been in our power or wee understood how to comply having allwayes endeavoured heartily to performe them according to y^{e}: best of our abilities and understandings. wee hope you will not take up reports made & forged upon any of us upon trust for at that rate wee must of necessity be guilty, as for our Estates be they

more or less wee bless God who hath given us power to obtaine them and could wish you would well enquire whether Pride or Selfe conceitedness rises in us [or] our Antagonists who having much less to doe in their perticularemploym ns then we have in this head Factory here Studiously endeavoured to possess you agst : us.

Wee would willingly be made Sensible what Sections those are wherein wee have by any argum^{ts} : endeavoured to divert y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{a} : from what they have designed as to new Sorts of goods, because we find not that wee have exceeded a relating matter of fact in any perticular of y^{t} : kind.

Had we Sufficient Assistance to coppie out all papers y^{t} : come to us both from y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{a} : & yor : Selves none of y^{e} : Inland factories should want transcripts of all y^{t} : come but wee having much writeing work & generally no Duplicates of those many papers can afford them Severally no more then w^{t} : concerns each factory.

Concerning y^{e} : dispatch of the Shipps we have written you in ours of y^{e} : 18th Aprill last to w^{ch} : wee can onely add y^{t} : yor : orders of y^{e} : 25th : July last laying down their dispatch in 3 : partityons and including in one of them y^{e} : George & Cæsar together made us judge y^{t} : those Ships were designed to be sent hence together.

What wee have said as touching y^{e} : Diamond Trade wth : due Submission we deny to have any thing meant in it of envy, ambition, detraction, or unbecoming reflection, on any, or have we in y^{e} : least desired y^{e} : coming in a Share wth : you in any emolument allowed you therein but onely demonstrating therein to our Honble : Masters that Since there was nor could be any such Investment made here their honest Servants in these parts had no Such encouragement as such on y^{e} : Coast of Cormandell had where Diamonds were procurable & y^{t} : therefore wee humbly hoped y^{t} : they would please to consider us some way else otherwise it would be a great discouragement to us y^{e} : buying of Diamonds formerly free for us as for others and whereby an advantadge accruing to us, being now Inhibited. wee knew not justly w^{t} : y^{e} : Honble : Company's Investment of Diamonds, might be but concluded it would not be less then w^{t} : former years ꝑticular men used to invest for w^{ch} : for severall years at a moderate Computation have been to y^{e} : amo^{t} : of little under £150000 : Sterl ꝑannum at w^{ch} : rate y^{e} : computation wee made was not extravagant the comodities wee have to send home are bulky and for want of fraught on y^{e} : Ships allmost as useless as if we had noe Liberty at all as upon enquirie will appeare but wee shall not insist on this least Should againe prove offensive only wee Shall averr that wee did not write what wee did to ye Company out of envy to you except you will take our lamenting our own misfortune in this ꝑticular to imply a grudging at your happyness.

Concerning our independencey on the ffort wee shall not add further thereto humbly Submitting our Selves and what wee have Said therein to ye Hono^{ble} : Companies determination.

Wee note what encrease of tunnage & Stock extraordinary wee may expect on the Honble : Companies acco^{t} : this Succeeding Season and have what we can forecasted all Investments according to y^{e} : Hono^{ble} : Companies and your Directions having enordred the takeing up money and makeing as large Investments in Raw Silke as possibly may be : but we fear shall not be able to comply nigh in Raw Silke this Season except we have ye liberty to buy up Silk Punjah (a sortment not enordered) as in ours of y^{e} : 18th : Aprill written you and concerning which hope in few daies more to have your orders, other goods as ꝑ last years list wee have Spoke to our Merchants here to provide w^{t} : belonging to this ffactory and have pressed the Same compliance on others as is enjoyned by the Company : and your Selves on us all promise fair & wee hope as well but y^{e} : years end only can make out the truth of their assertions, those Seven things you mention wee have allwaies before our eyes and in our memories nor have wee nor Shall wee come Short in our compliance with any of them but where [an invincible] nesessity constraineth us.

Those persons acco^{ts}: wee wrotte off by acco^{t}: Curr^{tt}: was done by Direction of M^{r}. Beyer y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Companys Accomptant Generall in his letter authenticated by ye Hono^{ble}: Company & dated the 4th Jan^{ry}: 1680 otherwise we could as easely have cleered them by Cash, but the debts being contracted Some years Since, on [.. . . out crys] ere the order came y^{t}: what bought there at Should be paid in India whereas formerly they were p^{d}: out of our Sallary [due] in England they were therefore we Suppose ordered to be Soe cleered off by Acc^{o}: Curr^{t}: this we offer for our defence & being found as it may be too be Soe as we say we hope you will allow thereof.

Your meaning of allowance for Married people we note and that for all others a Publick table is to be kept.

In our last three days agone we advised that our bookes were on a ballance only expected severall of our Inland ffactory bookes to be taken into them that we intended to await one moneth longer and then to shutt up ours wth: what Should then be come and Send one pair of them to you which we hope may be time enough to be taken into yours and they closed ere the Ships returne hence to you we have not been backward to write earnestly for their bookes though not with ye Success desired.

Our coppie booke of letters rec̃d in Hugly was left behind (thõ: y^{e}: chief omitted to advise you as much being much hurried by other more necessary and perplexing business at the Ships dispatch) not purposely or politickly but through y^{e}: transcribers coppying it upon mildewed paper which when perfected thrõ: handling mouldred to peeces in so much as he was forced to write it over againe & in y^{e}: Scantling of time he had for effecting it could not be gott ready to proceed wth: those registers.

Wee have not Petre and Turmerick by us more then formerly advised thõ: may expect some now in a moneth or two more but we cannot send Sloop therewith till this moonsoon break up nor can we as you well know Spare any now till the Ships are all [dispatched] ogeyn and Sealing wax we had provided for the ffort according to your order last yeare but the factor on board forgott to demand them from ye vessell that carried them into the road they Shall come upon these returne Ships.

Wee note the error of quicksilver & ye packing of y^{e} [*Lacuna in the original*] in the Sampson's Invoyce & had rectified the former ere your advices came thõ: otherwise then by you laid downe.

What concerns all the ffactories in your letter wee Shall Send to all ffactories & ꝑticularly John Naylours business as ꝑ ye coppie of y^{e}: Attestation & enorder his payment of w^{t}: due to Clement Jordan thereon.

Least what wee have written concerning coppie of ye Last years register of letters rec̃d in Hugly Should not obtaine beliefe wth: you, wee have sent an attestation under the Copiators own hand and witnesses by all ye rest of ye Hono^{ble}: Companys Servants that then writt in y^{e}: office to which wee referr our Selves and that matter we call not else to mind only to Subscribe. Right worsp^{ll}: & Councell. Matt^{s}: Vincent.—Edwd: Littleton—Rich^{d}: Frenchfeild.

Rec̃d Augst: 10 1682.

P.S.

If in Case any alteration Should happen in the Cheife Ship of Decca the Right & Succession thereof according to Agent Masters Orders thereabouts belongs to ffrances Elles.

To y^{e}: Right Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esqr:
Agent and Governour &c^{a}: Councell.

Right Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yesterday two of our peons bro^{t}: to our hands your pacquett for Bengall, w^{ch}: wee Immediatly dispatched by ye Pattemars, giving them their batty they declareing they had only batty hither when they came out, however wee have

desired Mr : Byam &ca : hereafter to pay your peons batty for going and comeing thereby to prevent so unne[ce]ssary a charge in this ffactory which being what worthy your notice wee respectfully remaine. Right Worpll : Sr : &ca : Your Very Humble Servants, John Field—George Ramsden—Timothy Harris.

Metchlepatam July 19th : 1682.
Recd Augst : 10 : 1682.

Hugly ye : 1st : July 1682.

To Ye Right Worspll : William Gyfford Esqr
Governour of ffort St : George & Agent
for the Honoble : English East India Companys
affaires on ye : Coast of Chormandell and in
the kingdomes of Bengall & Orixa &ca : Councell.

Honoble : ffriends.

Our last to you was dated ye 18th : of Aprill togather wth : a postcript of ye 25th : ditto moneth in which you had a very full acco : of all transactions in our Honoble : Employers affaires under our cognisance in these countries as well as answer to all your advices recd to that time and Since wch : wee have recd none from you. We referr to all generll : papers then Sent you as inlisted being 30 in Number and come now to give you a farther Accot : of what since our last has happened in our masters negotiations herewith our thoughts thereon, what wee have acted therein and to dispatch all generall papers to you according to the Honoble : Companys late orders.

The 10th of May ye Chief went hence up to Cassumbazar both to See how ye : investments of that ffactory went forward as also to try what might be done with Boolchund ye : Nabobs Governour of ye Greatest part of Bengall in whose hands also this port wth : much of the Kings rents all over this Kingdome are, about a new trouble of an extraordinary great moment raised on our Masters business in this Kingdome, occasioned by an order from ye : king that for what goods wee Shall not shew ye : customers note of Surratt wee are here to pay 3½ ℘ cent custome of this we gave you a small hint in our last fearing our Selfes to be in danger thereof, This port where ye custome is to be taken being under the aforesaid Governour Boolchund we thought good for the present to apply to him till a through remedy might be attained elsewhere and accordingly did by meditation of a merchant and the chief thereupon was invited to come up to Cassumbazar to him which he no[t] thinking any friendly overture to be slighted from Soe great a man, one who can doe us soe much good and evil in the dayly cource of our business, especially at such a time as this proceeded but finding him not able to come to those termes desired & found requisite by the chiefe he let the thing fall and made it his business with him only to preserve his friendship and to keep him from takeing any usuall advantage at such an ill juncture on our business as both to hinder our investments by laying hold & imprisoning or otherwise molesting those people wee deale with in Maulda, Cassumbazar and Hugly over all which places he is absolute Governour as also to oblige him not to write any more to the Kings Duan against us (who by writeing to the King had gott this order for paying custome on us) wee having certaine notice that Bullchund had of late been to busie in that kind to our prejudice, this by a present of fourteen peeces of Broad cloth to him & his officers ye : chief got effected, including in that ye Cassumbazar present computed at neer halfe ye : amot : and we have since been pretty quiett and our Investments goe on uninterrupted in all the above mentioned ffactories and that wee may be cleere to Ship of our goods at the Season of ye yeare wee have taken ye m[ost ?] effectuall care we can to the Kings Court having not only Sent our chief Vaqueele hence for greater assistance but also given our vaqueele these three instructions, first of retriving our business and putting it in a Statu quo prius 2dly : if not that to be done then to see if we can come off for a yearly Pishcash to bee paid as formerly in the port of Hugly or lastly if we must pay custome that we may be excused of the 1½ ℘ cent

lidgea (what we pay on that accot : at Surratt far exceeding that tribute for our whole nation all over this empire) and pay 2 ₱ cent custome and that also in the Same manner ye Dutch doe their 4 : ₱ cent in this port, this we desire your approvall off being the best way wee could think on or if you think fitt to alter any pticular please to signifie it to us immediately that we may accordingly direct our Vaqeele aloft, in the meane time and that we may gaine time for this affair to be brought about we have taken care to Dacca and written Mr : Harvy &ca : word to See what may be done there & to returne us an answer which we may expect Suddenly with their opinions, though it is here alone we fear to goe lame not expecting any good issue at least wit[h]out excessive delais as long as the Said Harvy continues in Said chiefship but untill you are pleased to put others into our hands, wee must worke with what tooles we have or can here make of our Selves, this is a accot : of that affair what done at Cassumber what here Succeeded previous thereto, and what has since followed comeing fully laid down in our Diary coppyes, which herewith are transmitted for your view, we shall not trouble you with a repetition of it in this paper referring the whole and our Selves to your impartiall judgement on the whole. Our Bookes lye open for those of ye Inland ffactories, having yett recd none Save those small ones from Dacca, by the next conveyance which will certainly be in 25 days more we will Send you a pair without awaiting ye Inland Books any longer in case they doe not come in ye mean time. At ye chiefs late being at Cassumbazar Enoch Smadmore one of the Companys Diers came to him ye Said chief and acknowledging his fault in joyning with John Naylour the other Dyer and John Elliot ye : throwster in such an action not being himselfe when drawn into it and afterward ashamed to let any one know that he had been soe vilely over-reached by the Said John Naylour who as he said was the putter of said business forward he complained that ye : Said John Naylour and Elliot having interchangably wth : him Signed unto bonds of £ 500 Starlg that on ye : chief or councell of yt : ffactories abuseing any one of them they should all be obliged in ye penalty of Said bond to leave ye Companys Service at once, he now said that between ye said Naylour & Elliot they had Surreptitiously gotten ye said Elliots bond which was in his possession each one it Seems at the time of this conspiracy having ye others bond in their possession and that now Naylour would not deliver up his bond to him, he the Said Smadamore desireing to bee free of any such unhandsome obligation, on wch : the chief called Naylour and Elliot, who at that time was on his owne accot : at Cassumbazar, and demanded a sight of these bonds ye former being in Service was frighted out of two of them wch : were in his possession one of which comes enclosed, but Elliot having last year left ye : employment would not produce ye bond of John Naylours in his hands pretending one while he had lost it, another that he had burnt it whereupon that he might not continue to doe mischeife there the chief brought him thence with him, he the sd : Elliot having proceeded thither some time before wth : out leave, ye : other John Naylour besides this which we take to be an unpardonable fault what in him lies endeavouring to illude all the Honoble : Companys desires of bringing their dying designe to perfection in that factory, being a great breeder of division in said factory of Cassumbazar for these Severall years past between ye : factors and the tradesmen of Said factory also being noe workman, & Enoch Smedmore proffering and being able untill another black Dyer comes out. John Pratt deceasing ye 22d : May last to carry on both the black and colour dying trade there, we make it our request that the Said John Naylour may be removed it being utterly to the Honoble : Companys disadvantage yt : he be longer continued in Cassumbazar ffactory. Mr : Harvy not having Sent any answer to his charge as entred in the diary for the Moneth of Aprill herewith dispeeded, to this day we desire it may be taken pro confesso and that accordingly you will pronounce judgement of Suspension on him and that we may have liberty of sending another Chiefe to Dacca in his roome. We call not else to mind at present save ye Superscrption of Right Worpll : & Councell.—Your most humble Servts :—Matts : Vincent.—Edward Littleton—Ffrancis Ellis—Rich : Frenchfeild.

Recd Augst : 10th : 1682.

Charles Crosse Secrety :

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM GOBALL PUNDITT SOBIDAR OF PORTO NOVO TO MR: RŌB: FFREEMAN.

I enjoy good health & wish to heare the like from your Selfe, I recd your letter wherein you writt me that you arrived at Cudalore ye: 9th: Currant, and that you had Letters from ye: Worspll: Governour both for his Excellency Harja Raja and my Selfe, desireing me to advise you to what place you Should come to visitt me, I doe heartily rejoyce at your comeing to that Port, you may please to keep all your goods and things which you brought from the Ship in the Banksall and Houses, you must watch a good time and hour to come to visitt me, and when wee come to talke at Porto Novo we Shall understand one another, when I enquired for the good hour for you to come and [visitt] me I was told that on next Tuesday night about ¾ after 7 of the Clock, soe you may please to come hither on Tuesday to visitt me about the Said time, and to keep your love towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR HIGIB VIRA RAGAVAYA FROM GOLCONDAH TO YE: RIGHT WORPLL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR: GOVERNOR: DATED YE: 2D AGST: 1682.

I recd your Worps: last letter ye: 30th: past, and having read the Same understand the contents thereof, the letter your Worsp: Sent me by way of Lingapa about the Townes rent is not as yet arrived here and soe Soone as it shall arrive I Shall accordingly pay the Rent to ye Divan, and Shall gett a receipt for the same & remitt it to your Worsp: the Divan has lately sent away all the Army that was here to Podela Lingapa and hath likewise sent to him all ye Higibs wch: resided here, belonging to all ye Manirvars Capts: of Horse, and all other great men, and ye Divan hath with every Higib Sent a Nobbutty to prsent ym to Lingapa having positively ordered them when they have any request to make, they Should apply themselves to Lingapa, for without his consent noe request should be heard here, thus it is ordered now, at which time I excused my Selfe, Saying that there was one of our Higibs gone thither already, all the great men here being our friends, I made a Shift to avoyd itt, what will follow hereafter about it I cannot tell, Lingapa, Higib who resides here asked me why I did not goe towards his Master, and I excused my Selfe to him with the same answer I gave the Divan People here, said Lingapas Higib writt my answer to him, I Suppose your Worp hath already Sent an Higib to Lingapa which if your Worp hath not done as yet you may please to Send one as soone as possible may be, and give me notice thereof, which, if your Worp doth not make haste to doe, the Divan will not let me remaine here wherefore may it please your Worp to send one thither with all expedition and advise me thereof I have writt now to your Worp as I see things goe of wch: your Worp may please to consider, and doe as your Worp Shall thinke fitt.

The Mogull designing to fight against Vigapore hath sent an Army of Horse to a place called Bheema Rhady and tooke possession of severall Roads of that River, Savogees People, Golcondah People, and some of Vigapores Capts: of Horse which are here doe assist the King of Vigapore all that they can, I only just mention this without enlargeing May it please your Worp to lay your farther Comands upon me.

RECD. AUGST: 15TH: 1682.

CORALORE YE: 11TH: AUGST: 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORPLL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCELL.

Most Honord: Srs:

Wee have thus long deferred writing in hopes to have given you some prospect of our affairs but as yet cannot, having done nothing to purpose, therefore thinke it high time to advise of our safe arrivall, & how farr we have proceeded in our businesse.

Upon Munday morne last being the 7th: Currt: we attained this Port, the Avaldar of ye. Towne, your Egib, bramany, & Dubash Madana, were all with ye

Subadar of Porto Novo, therefore we thought not fitt to disimbarque till had given them notice of our arrivall, which was done wth: all expedition possible on Wednesday the aforementioned three returned wth: ricardoes from ye Subadar & an invitation for our comeing ashoar, which we imediately embraced; & landed in a very Genteel manner; Capt: Wilshaw giving us 31 gunns for a farewell & accompaned us in his barge with his noise of Trumpetts, the Avaldar, with ye Major part if not all ye people in the Towne, mett us at ye: water side with seeming acclamations of joy for our comeing hither: and conducted us to our house, where we had some discourse & a great many fair promises of his assistance in all our businesse, the same night we wrott to ye Subardar acquainting him of our being here & presenting him with ye: Right Worpll: Governours Respects & that we had brought his lettr: for him, & was ready to waite upon him soe soon as he should appoint time and place, Yesterday his answer came to us in Moretta Language wch: is translated into Jentue & comes inclosed, he desires us to meet him at Porto Novo on Tuesday night next, being in his superstitious fancy the first good time that presents which shall God willing accordingly be complyed with

We have Sent to Porta Nova and Conimere the Merchants of both places to come hither, the former answer us they dare not till such time we have been wth: the Subadar & the latter has not as yet returned any but we expect it hourly, those of this place are willing to undertake businesse, but our neighbours the Dutch have posessed them with a beleife that our Phirmaund is not soe powerfull as theirs, & that we can entertaine none in our Employ but whome the Subadar Shall appoint, which makes them likewise fearfull to engage any thing till we have been with him, but intend some of them to accompany us thither and hear what he says, which if incourageing, promise to us their endeavours for ye provision of such quantities as we desire, soe if he be pleased, & discovers to them ye Strength of our Phirmaund, you may expect something to answer expectation else we fear but little, we shall use our endeavours to prompe him into a beleife of the advantage our trade may bring into his Country, which if can posess him with, fear not a Considerable Investment, we are in great want of your intended Dubash Narain, this here being an old simple fellow perswaded by the Bramany to any thing, who we find allready seeke not soe much ye Companys Interest as his owne, but we hope in a short time to make a discovery of his evil designs and put a stop thereto, he continues the old tone, that the Subardar must be hansomly presented beyond what you limitt us, otherwise our business will not goe well forward, which we cannot doe without your licence therefore desire you to consider thereof and returne you[r] answer accordingly we shall act.

Wee have not as yet unladen any of the Companys Concernes, only our owne Gandegundee, & the time being soe long before we can encounter ye Subardar 'tis impossible to dispatch the Ship by ye: 15th: of this mo : & the Capt: tells us he has your orders to returne hence by that time, which if soe, and we comply with your orders to us about ye unlading the goods, he must of necessity carry back all with him againe, but he being a discreet man & seeing the necessity for his stay a little longer, hope to ꝑswade him thereto.

Just now came a messenger from ye Subadar, (by name Raca Punditt) to congratulate our arrivall hither, & fair promises of friendship, but after a little discourse with him he desired to know whither his Worp: or Mr: Yale had given us an accot: of the expences he had been at in the procurement of our Cowl: & order for ye reinbursting [*sic*] him, our answer was we hoped he did but Jest for that we had heard nothing of it, but Should wait upon him according to his appointed time, where and when we might better understand each other, but our fears are ye limitted Present will not be sufficient.

We Shall now give you a short acct: of ye: Commodiousness of our house, which is the best in Towne next Seir Cawnes but nowise fitt for our businesse, built by an Idolytrous Jentue house and fitt only to worsp ye: Devil in, it has been for many years Tenented by batts, and pitty they should have been disturbed for they have left such a smelling savour behind them enough to [kill] Christians, the

roomes are small and darke, & the doores low and narrow to little to get a bale in, soe that we must be forced to house y^{e}: Comp^{as}: goods in y^{e}: Bankesall Godownes, which will be noe small Charge besides ye inconveniency; if we continue here shall alter it ye best way we can to make it of some use, wch will be Chargable though done with frugality, this with our prayers for prosperity on your ꝑsons & concernes we humbly remaine. Right Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Your most faithfully & obedient Servants. RICH^{D}: FFREEMAN—RICH^{D}: MILTON.

S^{rs}

Wee are in want of guilt paper and 2 or 3 blanke Passes, ye Merch^{ts}: of Madrass have lately Sent a Considerable Sum̃e of money to be Invested in Cloth about these ꝑ^{ts} ye just quantity we have not yet learnt but shall in time, and assist them what lyes in our Power.

RECD AUGST: Y^{E}: 15TH: } 1682
ANS^{D}: Y^{F}: 16TH: }

Right Worp^{ll}: S^{r}:
&c^{a}: Councell.

The Coppie of ye Subadarrs lett^{r}: to us, w^{ch}: is mentioned to be sent in our Gener^{ll}: was unhappily left out by the absence of our Braminy at the Sealing up thereof, in whose Custody it was in, therefore this Serves only for Enclosure thereof, & to begg pardon for the Neglect of. S^{rs}: Your Obedient humble Servants R: FFREEMAN—RICH: MILTON.

CORALALOR Y^{E} 12
AUGUST 1682.

RECD AUGst: 17TH: 1682.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM [NAL ... KA] MARKAINDO TO Y^{E}: RIGHT WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL DATED Y^{E} 20TH JULY 1682.

I enjoy good health wishing to heare the like from your Worp̃, if your Worp̃ &c^{a}: Councell will be pleased to have ye Comp^{as}: Merchantdize goe through my hands I will stand to ye quarter part of the trade, both at Cudalore and Porta Nova, and if it should soe happen that any of the Comp^{as}: Money which shall be given out to make an Investment to remaine in ye Country, I will engage myselfe for the same; and if your Worp̃ pleases to Imploy other Merchants, then I shall engague for noe more then my quarter part; I have two or three Ships of my owne, & if your Worp̃ &c^{a}: will have a part in them I should be very glad, & if not but y^{t}: the Ships should remaine for my acc^{o}: & myselfe paying all ye Charges, Your Worp̃ &c^{a}: giving a pass and sending upon them 4: or 5: Englishmen and carrying ye Ship to such Ports as I shall desire in Your Worp^{s}: &c^{as}: names, then in such case deducting ye Officers & Lascars pay, & all other expences Yo^{r}: Worp̃ &ca: shall have 1/3 of ye profitt, & the other two shall be upon my Acco^{t}:; of these two proffers Yo^{r}: Worp̃ &c^{a}: may please to take your choice, Your Worp̃ &c^{a}: may please to consider what I have written herein, and send your answer, as you shall thinke fitt, and be pleased to send me the good news of your Welfare and to lay your Commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM AMBOGEE PONTULA & [MASUMA] RAGOE PONTULO, TO MODA V[ERAP]A MODANA. DATED Y^{E} 18TH: AUG^{T}: 1682.

I have received your letter, ye Subadar is come and remaines at Tinde Vanam and I have likewise read your letter to him, as concerning ye Juncaners we gott our master to send a letter and a Matialder to ye Sobidar Gopaldargee Pontulo, you must by all means endeavo^{r}: your utmost to prevaile with ye Right Worp^{ll}: Governour concerneing Conjamaroon that that Towne may be increased & send us answer about it.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM AMBOGEE PONTULO TO MODE VERAPA MODANA DATED AUGUST Y^E^ 6 : 1682.

Seing you have sent for Pirmaul Chittee and carryed him to visitt ye Chiefe whom he discoursed concerneing ye Settlement of a trade at Conamaroon Pirmall Chittee having acquainted me therewith I did heartily rejoyce thereat The Towne of Conamaroone hath been a very great Port in former times and if they should endeavour to doe the like now it will redound to their great honour before great men, wherefore pray endeav^r^ : now as much as you can to encrease ye Trade there, I doe now likewise send Pirmaul Chittee, and if you would have me send any more People I will doe it, and Cōmand me of your Service & endeav^r^ : to Increace ye Towne as much as you can.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM AMBOGEE PONTALO & MASUMA RAGO PONTULO TO MODO VERAPO MADANA.

DATED 19 AUG^ST^ 1682.

Wee have observed y^e^ : Contents, of both Yours, and ye Sobadars Letter ; y^e^ : Sobidar hath read his Letter, & did rejoyce thereat, the Sobidar Sent an answer to the Chiefe to settle a trade at Conamaroon, w^ch^ : Letter pray gett read to him & endeav^r^ : on your part to prevaile w^th^ : him as much as you can without faile to encrease ye Trade at Conamaroon, you writt us that the Juncaneers belonging to Conamaro did take away some cloth belonging to your People ; We shall take care to write to them about it, pray command us of your Service and when you shall come to Conamaro We shall come thither likewise.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^EL^ : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ : AGENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^ : COUNCELL.

CORALORE Y^E^ : 15 AUG^ST^ : 1682
REC^D^ : 19TH D^O^ :
ANSWERED Y^E^ :

Right Worsp^ll^ : s^r^ : &c^a^ :

The unhappy occasion of this, Is to advise you that yesterday in the afternoon ye Resolutions Yawle coming ashoar w^th^ : the Bale of Musters, was misfortuneately oversett upon the barr. On news whereof wee imediatly employed all the Cattamarans & muckquars procurable for the finding them, being allso assisted w^th^ : Capt : Willshaws boats Crew, & the Avaldars peons with some our owne, who left not off till now noon but all preving ineffectuall and M^r^ : ffreeman setting out early this morning for Porta Nova I thought it my duty without farther delay to acquaint you hereof, that if you have others we may have them or such Orders thereabouts as in your wisdomes you shall thinke fitt & convenient, the time [was] growing short for our performance of what expected, and which being what offers at present I humbly crave leave to subscribe Right Worsp^ll^ : &c^a^ : Your most humble and obedient Servant RICH^D^ : MILTON.

RECD̃ AUG^ST^ : 18TH : 1682
ANS^RD^

RIGHT WORSP^LL^ : &C^A^ : COUNCELL. BANTUM Y^E^ : 13 NOVEM^BR^ : 1681.

S^rs^ :

Wee having nothing of moment to acquaint you more then the rec^t^ : of yours 28 March by a Pinke M^r^ : Charles Medcalfe Pylot, & doe observe what you writt aboute y^e^ : Vessells trading from your Port hither said to belong to ye Inhabitants of your Towne, and wheth er their being owned by English may not be of

some advantage to y^e: Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: in respect of whom shall now answer, that ye fewer Strangers Trading into this Port, will be undoubtedly the[i]r Interest, they having graunted as we are advised from the President & Councell of Surratt a free Trade to their Servants here in India, Suppose you had better lett them ware English Coullo^{rs}: then borrow the Portuguze, unless that Honour will Incourage those Gentlemen, who hath little advantage of ye Trade.

The 10th Instant arrived ye Scipio Affricanus Capt: Edward Cook by whom recd ye Incloseds for ye Presedency your Place, & the Bay, which please to forward by first opertunity, for news all are at peace in Europe, which ye Almighty continue, and give [this] blessing upon all the Affaires of our Hono^{ble}: Masters under your management is all at present from Right Worsp^{ll}: Your Affectionate ffriends FFRANCIS BOWYEAR—EDWARD BARWELL—NIC^o: WAITE—CHARLES SWEETING.

RECD Y^E

TO Y^E: RIGHT WORSP^{LL}: Y^E: AGENT & GOVERNOUR
&C^A: COUNCELL OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

Wee are come to answer yours by the Trivelcane of ye 17th: 8ber and are not a little dissatisfied that it is from hence we must all submitt to divine providence who to chastise ye barbarousness of ye Javies to Christians hath permitted ye Dutch to stir up rebellion the ffather against ye son, soe that in ffeb^{ry}: last the Towne was by the old Sultans Armie layd all in ashes, and with abandance of difficulty escaped our ffactory, the young King shutting himselfe up in his ffort with his [Pang^r:] favourite; the Dutch Pentioner, and about 300 Javies, left his father Master of the Towne, but before contracting with ye Dutch, that if they would assist him to extinguish his ffather, he obliged himselfe to pay ye Charge in a limitted time, and turne out all Strangers or else forfeit his Country, before the Scipio Sailed being ye 16th: March, they made an attempt and was forced to retreate, but ye 28th Said Month brought all their Strength from Batavia and wth: out any resistance landed, and entred the Castle, in two days after turned out all the Javies reserving roome only for the King and his Women and y^e: Pang^r: Aprill an order sent us in the King's name to goe aboard our Ships out of his Country which with great hazard of our lives and considerable loss to ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: as well as their servants estates we arrived all unto this Port y^e: 16th: Aprill and in May brought off their effects, and have liberty for our persons to reside ashoare, but not admitted to send any of the Companys estate, which very much incomods us in the disposall of our Country Ships for although we have arrived the China Merchant and Kent ye last moneth, and the Amoy Merchant and Tonking the 26th: Ditto yet we cannot without much difficulty Shift our Ships, w^{ch}: not only cast downe our men but tards their voyage from proceeding to the Northward; ye Kent goes for Tywan and Bengall, y^e: China Merchant for Moccow, and your Port, the Tunking for that Port and hither, and the Amoy intend with all expedition we can for Europe to carry ye unwelcome news of ye loss of y^e: Pepper, and South sea trade, we are in dayly expectation of another small Ship who came in Company with ye rest, they all leaving the Downes ye 20th: 7ber last when please god to arrive her, Shee is designed for Moccow and Surratt for news out of Europe all was in peace when they departed thence, ye enclosed are from our Honourable Masters that to ye Bay please to forward by first conveyance we recd another for your Agency by the Scipio but it being in ye Agents Custody cannot prevaile wth: him to deliver it us.

You advise to assist y^e: inhabitants of your Port in ye receiving severall debts which they pretend to be owing them by ye Women in Bantum which w^{re}: ye cause that severall staid behinde, we are of opinion that those debts were voluntary contracted with that Sect beleiving that few or none of ye freighters was so imprudent to trust theirs or other mens estates out to persons of noe creditt we should have been glad to have served you this affaire or any thing elce that may advantage y Hono^{ble} Companys Towne of Madrass; to prevent the like inconveniency is not to trust such rascallian People, what is past by the loss of ye Place is irrecoverable.

Agent Bowyear having at seasons for sev^rll^: Moneths bin frantick, and at his best soe obstinate that hath tarded so y^e^: Hono^ble^: Companys buisness that y^e^: beginning of March last the whole factory declared him wholy uncapable to act in his station of which advised ye Comp^a^: by the Scipio, and untill their Pleasure be knowne herein their affaires are joyntly managed by us ther Councell, but having noe Power to seize and y^e^: Agent soe unwilling to deliver up the[i]r Papers or any thing elce for ye forwardness of buisness that we are now almost in a labarinth, but when these ships are dispatched, shall bring up all things to our masters Satisfaction, which is all at Present that offers from

Yo^r^ Affectionate ffriends

Vera Copia
DANIEL QUICKE

BATAVIA JULY 13TH: 1682.

Right Worsp^ll^: &c^a^:

The foregoing is copie of our last by the Saphir since which hath offered little of moment touching the Companys Affaires save the Oaklanders arrivall ye 18th: June who by the loss of 21 of her men hath hindred her proceeding according to our Hono^ble^: Masters desires, we next moneth designe her for Surratt in Company w^th^: the Rusume if ye Commander will come to a new contract whereby the Comp^a^: may be noe loosers for our kindness to his owners; The Northward Ships were all dispatched in good time the Amoy Merch^t^: as soon as possible can gett loaden intend for Europe our having noe conveniency for weighing our Pepper aboard doth detard her contrary to our inclinations.

The 7th: instant the Eliphant belonging to ye Agent and Councell of Surratt comeing from Bantam was cast away 4 or 5 leages without this road, and altho we Sent a Vessell to her Assistance yet could not save any of her goods.

The enclosed is our Masters packet to your Agency by the Scipio, which prevailed w^th^: Agent Bowyeare to deliver us, we can advise you nothing of certainty how affaires will fix between the old King and the Dutch, the ffirst is very strong and y^e^: other wants men, we beleive they now see it will be a difficult and chargable warr and what event it will have in Europe, time will learne you and us, with our respects recommend our masters affaires under your management, to the guidance and protection of the Almighty Remaine Right Worsp^ll^: &c^a^: Your Worsp^s^ Affect: ffriends EDWARD BARWELL—NICH^s^: WAITE—CHARLES SWEETING.

RECD AUG^ST^: 19 }
ANS^RD^ :—23 XBER } 1682

TO Y^e^: RIGHT WORSP^LL^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^r^:
AGENT & GOVERNO^R^: &C^A^: COUNCELL.

METCHLEP^AM^: THE 11 AUGUST 1682.

Right Worsp^ll^: &c^a^:

Wee herewith send you ye Dyare Consultations Acco^t^: Cash &c^a^: for ye last Moneth to w^ch^: wee referr you.

We have had a long Dispute with ye Person about y^e^: ffactory Ground, and at last, have brought it to 150 pago^ds^: to be given him, besides his debt of 200 old pagodas, and thereupon he to lay no further Clame either to house or Ground for the terme of 90 years, ye writeings are not yet drawne up wee not well approving of the paper the Codgee sent us, but shall endeavour to gett some things therein altred ye Codgee likewise must be presented.

Wee have sold 20 halfe peices Broad cloth for ready money, to Sankerdoss at 21 pago^ds^: each and 103 halfe peices more to Quolla Narsoe and Accana Shroff, at ye Same price, the money to be deducted out of the 2/3 ^ds^: to be paid them upon Arrivall of the Ships as alsoe upwards of twenty Candy lead to Senr: Thomas Kedico, at 10 pago^ds^: ℘ candy, and have hopes in a little time to dispose of a good Quantity more of both Broad cloth and Lead there being a Merchant about taking off all wee [*a word lost*] but as yet has not present money to pay for it, Our Merchants have brought in of this years Investment 9500 p^s^: Sallampores & 5000

p^s: of 15 Coveds ℘ collaes they tell us likewise they have good quantityes more in a readiness the waters are so much out that they are not able as yett to bring it in.

Our Governour now of late beyound all expectation is extraordinary Civle and Curtious and wee not to be behind hand with him have thought good to present him with some ffruits, Tobacco, &c^a: which wee procured out of a Ship arrived here lately from Persia, his Officer likewise the Cattwall Came to the ffactory and desired a reconcilliation upon which wee presented him with 3 yards Scarlett, and some other things amounting to about 7½ pago^ds, the Dubash likewise behaves himselfe very well being mighty Carefull in his Business So that wee hope this year all things will goe on Successfully to ye Hono^ble: Comp^a: & your content.

We have not further to add, but that wee Respectfully Remaine Right Worsp^ll: S^r: &c^a Your very humble Servants, JOHN FFIELD—GEORGE RAMSDEN—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Doctor Henry Mallary deceased the 5th Curr^t: & was Intered the Next day.

ID:

J. F. F. G. R.—T. H.

REC̃D AUG^ST: 20: 1682.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PODELA LINGAPA TO YE RIGHT WORP^LL: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R: GOVER^NR:

I enjoy good health and should be very glad to heare the like from your Wor̃p wee have p^rsent occasion for 15 Gunners to manage ye Gun̄s wherefore I hope your Wor̃p: will be pleased to assist me with 15 Gunners understanding men; which have been well examined, and to agree with them for their Monethly wages, & to pay them two moneths wages before hand, & to send them away hither wth all expedition and in so doing You^r: Wor̃p will highly oblige me, So I hope your Wor̃p: will without faile Send the Said 15 Gunners, and to continue your Wor̃p^s love towards me, and to acquaint me often of your health and welfare, I have desired Peda Yancatadry in my letter to him to pay the two moneths wages beforehand to the said Gunners by whom your wor̃p: may please to see them paid and dispatch them away hither.

REC̃D AUG^ST: 21ST: } 1682.
ANSW^RD: }

TO YE RIGHT WORSP^LL: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
AGENT & GOVERNO^R: &C^A: COUNCELL.

Most Hono^RD: S^RS:

I am just now returned from Porta Nova, where, after a long and tedious attendance upon ye Subarbar [*sic*]; I had at length audience from him, but soe contrary to my expectation & the former relation of the tearmes of our settlement here, that I can see no probability or hopes of accomodating our affaires without complyance with him in some measure concerning his demands wch he alleadges is no more then what heretofore promised him, and what he has expended in our business, and under seventeen hundred pago^ds: w^th: Interest thereupon for 6 Moneths he will not allow of his friendship, or assistance in these parts; but claims the aforesaid sum̄e as a due debt, and that he will force the payment of ye Same in such a manner as he can conveniently come by it and extreamly admires that we should offer to come hither without reimburseing him of what he thought himselfe assured of for ye Charges he had been at in ye procury of our Cowle; besides a gratuity he might reasonably expect for soe signall a service in obtaining it. Which he possitively affirms he has been assured of from Mr Yale and since from his wor̃sp by letter, and under these tearmes I see no possibility of carrying on our negotiation here, my best reasons & arguments

have been urged to bring and induce him to more moderate tearmes, which I find invalid and alltogether ineffectuall & humbly soliciate your Worsp[ll] &c[a] that you will please seriously to [d]ebate the same and let us have your full & finall resolution how we shall proceed, seeing nothing will content him but y[e] sume Expected, and tho he promises publickly to impede our affaires; yet he says he questions not but an opportunity may offer to hinder the large Investments that yearly are made in these parts. Yours of y[e] 14th & 16 we have rec̃d and shall speedily give answer thereto. The Treasure & Merchantdize belonging to y[e] Hono[ble]: Comp[a]: are still on board and shall not unlade y[e] same untill yo[r]: answer hereto, which requires a Speedy resolution, being y[e]: time we are limited for y[e]: Ships dispatch draws near: In heart I humbly take leave and remaine Right Worsp[ll]: S[r]: &c[a]: Your most Obedient Servant, R. ffreeman.

Cudalore Aug[st]: y[e]: 20th 1682.

This Morning about 10 M[r]: Browne
M[r]: Willshaw Narran
Arrived with us.
Jd. R. FF.

Recd Aug[st]: 23 } 1682.
Ans[rd]: y[e]: 24 }

To y[e]: R[t]: Worp[ll]: William Gyfford Esq[r]:
Agent & Govern[r]: &c[a]: Councell.

Hono[rd]: S[rs]:

The occasion of this express is to acquaint you with y[e] willingness of y[e] Merchants of these parts to undertake an Investment of such Sorts of goods as is required, were there a right understanding between us & y[e] Subadar and untill then they durst not treate w[th]: us, so great an Influence he has over them, yet considering the quantities and quallities of goods the Merchants seem willing to engage for we are of opinion in this juncture of time may be a forceable Inducement and no disadvantage to y[e] Hono[ble]: Company to comply w[th]: the Subadar in (as he pretends) his just demands, and that y[e] advantage they may reape thereby at present, considering the large investments required this yeare, and in y[e] future for prevention of interlopers may well countervaile the Charge in the conclusion; As to our Settlement at Conamero we cannot foresee any probability of doeing much there this yeare, or of removeing and fixing there with security to ourselves or y[e]: Hono[ble]: Companys estate, the place itselfe being altogather unfitt for our reception, the Towne consisting not of above halfe a score small thatcht houses and too near a neighbour to this Subadar who may when he pleases disturb us there as well as in this place, and we need not much question his willingness to undertake an enterprize of a more dangerous consequence if we should disoblige and exasperate him by our remove from hence, which will certainly be very distastfull to him if we doe not in some sert consider him for y[e] services he reckons he has done us in y[e] procury of our Cowle, we shall attend your worp[s]: &c[a]: directions & answer hereto concerning our further proceedings hopeing they may be with us before the appointed time for the Ships dispatch be expired which is what offers at present, we humble take leave and respectfull Subscribe our Selves R[t]: Worsp[ll]: S[r]: &c[a]: Your Obedient humble Servants Robert ffreeman—Richard Browne, Richard Milton.

Curalore Aug[st]: 23[d]: 1682.
Rec̃d Aug[st]: 25. } 1682.
Ans[r]: y[e]: 26. }

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E}: 16 AUGST 1682.

TO Y^{E} : RIGHT WORSP^{LL} WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT & GOVERNO^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Right: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}:

We rec̃d yours with the accompanying papers ℘ Ship Williamson the 12th: Curr^{t}: and I dispatched to M^{r}: Davis to acquaint him wth: the Settlement and to desire him to send up Cooley Peoens &c^{a}: to conveigh the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Treasure and our persons, but he hath refused to Comply till he hath order from yourselves, we have sent him coppy of the Clause in your Generall concerning the settlement attested, & if by tomorrow night we heare not further from him in another nature we shall hire Cooleys here and charge the overplus to his Acco^{t}: neither will he send the state which ought to attend the Chief at his entrance upon this new Settlement, we not esteeming it reasonable, nor ever was it practi-[ca]ble to send y^{e} : Gen^{rlls}: to farraigne places out of the Chiefs hands, nor indeed should we stay soe long, but that all the goods for Madapollam are not yet landed, which must be sent downe to deliver the Merchants their proportions nor can M^{r} : Brereton be left behind to do it, being no more then the Chief and him in probability to act togather, M^{r} : Davis having made up his things for a remove, we have not more to add worthy your notice but respectfully remaine R^{t} : Worsp^{ll}: S^{r} : &c^{a}: Your very humble Servants. JOHN FFIELD—RICH^{D} : BRERETON.

RECD. AUGST 26TH }
ANSRD : Y^{E} } 82.

P.S.—Mr Sayon says he hath wrote to your Worsp : &c^{a}: that you would please to allow us a Doctor for those ffactories w^{ch}: we hope you will doe: we desire that you would please to send us downe some Physick for our ffactory, or else to order us some of ye Chest that is here at Metchlepatam.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^{LL}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

METCHLEPATAM AUGST:
Y^{E}: 18TH: 1682.

Right Worsp^{l} : S^{r}: &c^{a}

Wee rec̃d yours of the 26th: July wth: an addition of y^{e} : 3rd: August and ye Severall papers inclosed according to list from the hands of Slauter Lee who arrived to this place upon the Williamson the 12th: Instant, & dispatcht your Said G^{rll}: and papers to Samull Wales at Madapollum; who upon rec^{t}: thereof repaired hither, where we joyntly perused the G^{rll} : &c^{a} : papers relateing to our Settlement at Pettapollee and the Carrying on of the Investment denyed for that place w^{ch}: we Shall to the best of our power endeavour to accomplish, according to the Hono^{ble}: Companys and your orders and therein hope to answer both their and your expectations; Returning you our humble thanks for the Confidence and trust you have in us for the management of the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Concernes in that place & parts adjacent, and doe respectfully give assurance of our Care and ffaithfullness in those imployments Conferrd upon us.

Two days Since arrived here Some Merchants from Pettepolee with whom we yesterday disours̃d about ye Investment of Goods by ye Metchlepatam Musters, w^{ch}: we shewd to them, and they were demanded what quantity of each sort they could procure the ℘ticulers whereof are Inserted in the Inclosed Consultation to w^{ch} : please to be referred.

Musla the Merchant whom you advise may be one of the Seven principall Merchants is at present at Pettepalee, to whom we ordered these Merchants here present to acquaint him of the offers they had made to us for provision of Goods, and we likewise acquainted them that Musla had already Offered 5 [℘: C^{t}] abatement upon the Metchlepatam Musters of which they declared themselves wholy Ignorant and doe seem averse to it.

Upon our arrivall at Pettepolee which shall be with all expedition possible we will discourse with yͤ Sᵈ: Musla concerning his offer of abatement aforesaid & endeavour to bring him and the rest of the Merchants to an unanimous Consent.

Wee have according to your directions taken the halfe of all the Musters of this ffactory for our Guidance.

The Merchants likewise disownd themselves to be acquainted by the Said Musla that upon the delivery of 1000: Pagodas they are to bring in 2000: in Goods till Such time the whole Investment Contracted for be Complyed with.

You are pleased to advise us that you esteem those Merchants Generally poor and therefore we must be Cautious how we deal with them; And yett if they be reported to be honest, you thinke we must trust them, or else we shall not be able to make any Considerable Investment in that place; Wee shall proceed with all the Caution imaginable, but should have been extreame glad: had you been pleased to have given us possitive Orders herein, in regard the reports of these Country people is very uncertain, and doe beleive (and Some of us know) that they will not speak ill of one another for their owne Interest sake, and should be very Sorry to have our reputation Blemished by their makeing Bad Debts.

Wee have rec̃d 10000 Pagoᵈˢ: in Chest N°: C, & all the other goods &cᵃ: according to Invoice are in the Warehouse in this Factory and shall dispatch them for Pettep[o]llee in Boats that wee have already bespoke.

We have proposed the putting of Goods wᵗʰ: the money to yͤ Merchants to which they answer they will discourse with us when we meet altogether at Pettapolle. Wee Shall follow your present directions Concerning the Goods in sending them to Madrass when imbaled and shall take care that the Boats be G[oo]d and tite and observe such orders as you shall hereafter from time to time give us relateing thereunto.

Wee shall be as frugall as possible we can, both in yͤ: rebuilding yͤ: House (which is fallen down) when we receive your Orders for so doing As also for all other expences, Wee Shall be put to great Streights both for Lodgings and Godown Room for which we must at present pay Rent.

Wee shall when Settled hang up the Honoᵇˡᵉ: Companys Printed Rules & Orders and Affix the Kings Majestyes proclamation in Some Conspicuous place, And Shall take Care if any Interloper Comes into our port to defeat their designes, And not to Connive, Aid or assist them directly or indirectly nor to have any Correspondence wᵗʰ: them, And wee doe Certainly perswade our Selves that the Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: Shall never have Occasion to use their Severity upon this Accoᵗ: to us, And hope we Shall deserve that Generous reward the Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: has proposed to their Servants who Shall prevent their proceedings.

We shall take Care if there has been any repairs att Pettepolee to repay that has been in disburse.

Wee shall take notice of your advice that yͤ Honoᵇˡᵉ: Company has prohibited all persons from Tradeing in any Raw Silke from Bengall wᶜʰ: wee likewise Shall Observe; As also what you write Concerning ffreemen.

Arrapa whom you have appointed to be Bramany of yͤ ffactory in Pettepolee is not arrived there, or if he be has given us noe Notice of it whose attendance here would have been Necessary Seeing all yͤ Bramanys in this ffactory are taken up in the Business thereof.

And for a Dubash we have one in whom we Can Confide till your further Orders we await.

The Chief and Councell at Metchlepatam have Contracted for all the Dimities & Diapers according to List.

Wee rec̃d: noe List of Goods to be provided therefore we intreat you will advise us by yͤ: next the sorts and quantities of each Sort you require that soe wee may know whether it will exceed or fall short of the Accoᵗ: Specified in yͤ Consultation; and Guide our Selves accordingly.

Wee have not more at present to offer but Respectfully to Subscribe Our Selves Right Worspˡˡ: Sʳ: &cᵃ Your most humble Servants Samuel Wales—[Sl]oughter Lee—John Goddard.

Rec̃d Augˢᵗ: 28ᵗʰ:

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E} : 20TH : AUGST : 1682.

TO Y^{E} : RIGHT WORSP^{LL} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Right Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

After a tediouse Passage of Seven days occasioned by Contrary Winds & Strong Curr^{t} : wee arrived in Sight of Metchlepatam Roade where wee were forcd to Anchor till a better oppertunity of Wind to bring the Ship in, which presented not so soon that wee thought our Selves obliged to hasten a Shore in pursuance of which the 12th : Instant Vincent Sayon James Wheeler were rowed a Shore in the Ship Boat and arriving in the evening wee delivered your Generall Packquetts & peruseing ours wee come now to reply to the Same.

That at our Arrivall wee found M^{r} : ffield &c^{a} had brought the Persions demands of some part of our Compound to a period who hath obtayned a lett^{r} : from the Cirkell & Cogee to the same effect and that for the payment of P^{a} : [*lacuna*] he is to quit his clame for 99 yeares w^{ch} : on the payment of ye money (not yet performed) wee shall See effectually done by his Bill wth : the Coggees chopp & other convenient Testimony to it, to prevent future clamour thereof.

Mahamood Allebeague the Governour at our arrivall sent a message to the Chief wherein he demonstrated more respect and kindness then he has of late accustomed to which gives us hopes that he will forgett all former Differences and appeare as much devoted to the Comp^{as} : Intrest as he pretends to.

Wee have presented him wth : a small Piscash of Brandy, Strong Water, and Cheeses to the Amount of 35 pago^{ds} : on receipt thereof he took so much satisfaction to express some admiration wth : repeated promises of his ffriendship, so that since M^{r} : ffield has so long deferred the delivery of Maddanas Letter wee humbly presume the giving of it now would rather exasperate then do any good.

Wee will be very carefull of preventing any Interlopers if they come hither, and to make it more easy wee will preingague the Governour to obstruct them; and have publiquely read his Majesties Proclamation to deterr other ffreemen of our owne Nation who upon any disobedience thereof are assured that they shall we will proceed against them to the utmost rigor of the Authority we are invested with.

The 14th : Instant we Summoned our Merchants in order to increase the Hono^{ble} : Companys Investment already contracted for who wee found not hard to be workt upon having given them assurance that whatever goods they bring in if of the sorts that the Company require Shall be Sorted, but to prevent their too much increase of some sorts of goods they receive most advantage by we have proposed one additionall quantity of every Sort before contracted w^{ch} : they would not undertake without they might provide some quantity proportionabley of Golcondah Bettelas wee therefore propose to them these Severall sorts and quantityes hereunder mentioned which they have obliged themselves to by Promises and noe doubt will performe to the utmost of their power :—

Sallampores fine ...	Ps : 7600	Alajaes	Ps : 3500
Percollaes 15 Coveds ...	2800	Dungarees browne ...	6000
Book Percollas ...	2000	Saile Cloth	10000
Vzzarees	1000	Gulcondah Bettelas ...	[1500]
Oringall Bettelas ...	1000		———

w^{ch} : makes wth : that formerly Contracted for a considerable quantity of Cloth viz

Sallampores	Ps : 20000	Allejaes	Ps : 15000
Parcolaes of 15 Cov^{ds} : ...	12000	Dungrees browne ...	18000
Book Percollas ...	6000	Golcondah Bettelas ...	3500
Izarees	4000	Saile Cloth	30000
Oringall Bettelas ...	16000		

Besides 700 P^{a} : already deliverd for Carpetts and Cum [*lacuna in the original*] wee hope to agree for Cotton Ramalls, Dimitees & Diapers as many as the Hono^{ble} : Company require w^{ch} : when performed wee hope will be Sufficient for our parts.

Wee doubt not but before the yeare is past to cleare the Godowne of Broad Cloth, and some quantity of our Lead but for the other goods, as Copper, Lead, Quicksilver &c[a]: wee have not any great Prospect how wee Shall be able to performe that as yet tho our endeavours shall not be wanting.
Wee will inquire for Turmerick, Sticklack and Benjamin to be ready to lade on the Ship and what quantity wee can gett shall be bought for the Hono[ble]: Companys Acco[t]:

The 18[th]: instant M[r]: John ffield departed hence to his charge at Maddapall[m]: in Comp[a]: w[th]: M[r]: Brer[e]ton M[r]: Willcox M[r]: Tillotson and M[r]: Wales & M[r]: Wheeler who are gone downe to deliver up their former charges of that ffactory and the next day wee dispatched y[e] Williamson to Bengall and Saild about 4 in y[e] Afternoon.

The 5 Instant M[r]: Henry Mallory our Chirurgeon departed this life after nine days Sickness of a Violent ffeavour and left us destitute of one to supply soe necessary a place there now being three ffactories under his charge wee humbly desire your Worsp &c[a]: to permitt Some other person in his place that may administer that little releife wee have for such exigencyes and if you please to let us have M[r]: John Dunn y[e]: Chirurgeons Mate of y[e] ffort.

Wee call not more to mind at Present save our Respectfull Salutes and Remaine Right Worsp[ll]: S[r]: &c[a]: Your very humble Servants VIN[T]: SAYON—GEORGE RAMSDEN—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

REC̃D AUG[ST]: 31[T]:

TO Y[E] R[T]: WORSP[LL]: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]: COUNCELL.

Honor[d]: S[rs]:

Your Worsp[s]: &c[a]: of the 24th: 26th: and 27th: as alsoe those to the Maha Raja & Gopall Punditt are come to our reception and the Directions therein shall be punctually complyed with to the best of our endeavours in convenient time; This accompanies the Egib Bramine and Dubash Madana, whome according to your Orders we Send to the ffort tho we were necessitated to let them have 25: Pago[ds]: as ℘ their receipt inclosed to clear them of the debts they had contracted at this place w[ch]: they promise to be accountable to you for as also for what they have heretofore rec̃d of you, wee cannot esteeme them persons that have acted w[th]: that fidelity & sincerity in their imploy as they ought to have done & hope our business may goe on better after their departure; This night Rôb[t]: ffreeman & Ri[c]hard Browne intend to sett out for Porto Novo to treate w[th]: the Subadar having writt to him for admittance, which he has granted, wee cannot give you any assurance of Success nor guess at y[e]; event of our encountering him; The Avaldar of this Towne refuses to let our necessaries be Shipt off which we shall be sure to complaine of being contrary to our Cowle, and to advise you as soone as may bee with what effect our treating with their Subadar may have and to follow your directions allready rec̃d accordingly w[ch]: is the Needfull at present, wee respectfully Subscribe R[t]: Worsp[ll]: S[r]: &c[a]: Your most obedient Servants R: FFREEMAN—RICHARD BROWNE—RICHARD MILTON.

CORALORE AUG[ST]: 29TH: 1682
RCD SEP[R]: 4TH:

CORALOUR 31 AUG[ST]: 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP[LL]: W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]: COUNCELL.

Hono[d]: S[rs]:

Our last was of the 29th: instant accompanying the Egib Bramany & Dubash Madana, whom we sent to the ffort according to your orders, and since Robert Ffreeman and Richard Browne encountred the Subadar at Porta Nova, who gave

them admittance presently after their Arrivall, and their reception was with an excess of outward Civility; but ℘ceive he is much more dissatisfied then ever, and will not except of any thing from us unless very considerable, the reason of our disagreeing, is by our delay growne to publike, and therefore he must of necessity part with good portion of what he shall receive to Maja[Maha] Raja, and he now refuses to take any thing from us, and bids us settle by virtue of our Cowle & make the most of it, and that nothing should be wanting in him to befriend us soe farr as the Cowle obliges him to, but what regard he will have to his word wee have allready experienced, for but last night when we complained of the Avldar of this Towne for stoping our necessaries from being shipt off, he assured us upon his Honour he would write to him to take it off and Seemed extreem angry that the Avaldar should dare to doe soe tho we are well assured it was by his owne Order, which he has this very morng: renewed & enlarged to him, even to the refusall of our ℘sons to imbarque; their Stay with ye: Subadar, was very long and used all the argumts: & best words they could and also acquainted him that we would most certainly remove unless we could have a good assurance of his friendship, he told us that at Trenomolee he very cordially espoused our Interest, and unless he rec̃d Trenomolee Expences we must not expect Trenomolee friendship, & had we been just in our promises to him, he would have shewed us such honour and respect that should have made the Dutch cry; after all endeavours to Satisfie him and moderate his demands and expectations, yet finding he would not hear of less, offered him 1500: pagods: provided he granted us Seir Cawns house, or peece of ground by the River side to build upon to settle the Boatmen Cooleys and others at certaine rates for their hire, & that we might regulate our Washermen as we thought convenient, & that no Avaldar should at any time presume to give us any mollestation whatsoever, and allso that we might have ground for our people & Servants besides our owne compound, this large offer of 1500 pagods: was made the Subadar privately by the Avaldar of Porta Nov[a], who is his great confident, wth the promise of 100 pagds if he gott all things granted us, & about 12 at Night have some assurance from him that ye Subadar would grant all except Seir Cawnes house but desires time till Satturday next to consider thereof when we hope we Shall conclude with him, but Shall Stand hard for Seir Cawnes house before wee part with so large a Summe, & till then we Shall detaine the Ship, and if we See wee can agree wth: him upon these termes and can have assurance of his ffriendship, & of landing ye: Honoble: Compas: Estate wth: Security we Shall imediately doe it & remaine, otherwise resolve to remove and keep the Ship no longer; in our next we shall be more diligt: concerning all occurances & in the interim take leave and remaine Right Worspll: Sr: &ca: Your most obedient Servants R: Ffreeman—Richd: Browne—Richd: Milton.

Sirs About 12 at Night Just now returnd: from Porta Nova.

R. ff.—R. B.

Rec̃d Sepbr: 4th:

Loyall Resolution Sepr: 5th: 1682.

Mr: Robt: Ffreeman
Mr: Rich̃: Browne
Mr: Rich̃: Milton

Gentlemen

These may Informe you that my first orders from Agent and Councell at Madrass, were for my proceeding to Codalore there to remaine till ye: 15th: day of August last past; & to intercept all Interloopers I should meet in my way thither or at Porta Nova; Now by the helpe of Winds and Weather I did reach the Port abovesaid in six days time, at which place I have been detained by you from the 6th: Augst: to the 4th: Instant, when at eleven a clock at Night I havng recd: all you[r] Concernes from the Shore gave me your orders to proceed for

Connimeed w^{ch}: place by the advice of you [r] Chiefe Servt: and I was Informed lay 18 mile to the Northward of Pollacheree, according to whose information I this morneing came to an Anchor about 16 or 18 mile to the Northward of the above named place, where M^{r}: Milton and the aforesaid Servant going in my Pinnace to a Cattomaran enquired for Connimeed, and were informed that we are 12 mile to the Northward thereof. Now my desire is that you would take into Consideration y^{e}: following ꝑticulars, and then give me orders either to beate it back to Conimeed, or proceed for Madarass. The ꝑticulars I have to acquaint you with are First that I want necessary provision for my men not having more then this present days spending on board, without breaking my homeward bound Store, Secondly That I may have great want of my Cable now at [M. . .] w^{ch}: I would willingly have on board for ye security of my Ship and the Companys Goods the Musoons being soe neare approaching Thirdly, That I hereby declare that if through want of the Aforesaid Cable &c^{a}: my Ship or the Companys Goods be any ways damnified at your perill be it, for without it I cannot Secure either, 4thly: That so farr as I understand by your Servants Conimeed is no place for ye reception or security of the Companys concerns without the attending the building some fitt Place, which will require longer time then the Mussoons will ꝑmitt me to await. This is what I have to offer, only that I'shall Obey your Commands, Still noteing that it hath beene the desire and expectation of the Gentlemen at Madarass, that you should have long since dispatch'd Gentlemen Your humble

Servant at Comm^{d}: FFRANCIS WILLSHAW.

TRANSLATE OF THE MERCHANTS OBLIGATION OF PETTIPOLLEE WHEREIN THEY ARE BOUND ONE FOR ANOTHER.

DATED 6TH: SEPTEM^{BR}: 1682.

An Obligation given in ye yeare 1682: on the 6th: day of Septem^{br}: To the Chiefe for the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: at Pettipollee M^{r}: Wales, by ye following Merchants Tallagary Mussalaya Chondoory DeValloo, Chintalapuady Muttello Chundury Govindoo, Jauawdy Yallaya, Nagan[d]la Lingapa,Cotta Oyana, Addepally Jangam, Olapawty Vencataputty, Pillawri Chitty Chitty, Who have obliged themselves to performe this ffollowing contract, We all having given our consent to Trade and procure cloth for y^{e}: Comp^{a}: for which purpose we have given you this Writeing having wth: 10 Merchants bound our Selves herein one for another; whosoever of us the Said 10 Merchants should not comply wth their promise, in bringing in y^{e}: Goods, Wee the rest doe engage our Selves to make good both the Goods and Money, that he shall remaine indebted, wch if we Should not doe we engage ourselves to pay you Europe advance, and this we give you, wth: our one consent, the Comp^{as}: Braminee Writer writt this.

TALAGARY MUSSALAYA—CHONDOORY GOVINDO—COTTA OYANA—PILLARI CHITTY CHITTY—CHONDOORY DEVALLOO—JAUADY YALLAYA—ADDEPALLY JANGAM—CHINTALAPUNDY MUTTALOO—NAGANDLA LINGAPA—OLAPAWTY VENCATAPUTTY.

TRANSLATE OF MUSLAS &C^{A}: MERCHANTS CONTRACT FOR 55000 PEICES OF CALLICOES OF SEVERALL SORTS TO BE BROUGHT IN AND EMBALED IN THREE MONETHS & FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE DATE HEREOF. DATED Y^{E}: 6TH: OF SEPTEMB^{R}: 1682.

A Contract made Anno 1682: one the 6th day of Septem^{br}: with ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Chief M^{r}: W[ales] at Pettipolee by the following 10 Merchants, viz Tallagary Mussellaya, Chondoory Devalloo, Chintalapundy Muttaloo, Chondoory Govindoo, Jauavidy Yallaya, Nagandla Lingapa, Cotta Oyana: Addepally Jangam, Olapawty Vancataputty, Pillary Chitty Chitty.

Wee tenn Share Merchants have made the following Contract the Sorts of Cloth we have agreed and given our consent to provide for ye Compa: are as followeth viz.

	Peeces
Sallampores fine	8000
Izzarees	1000
Allejaes	2000
Romalls Dastaes	3000
Lunge or Clouts	2000
Percolles 15 Coveds	4000
Betteelas Oringall	12000
Dungarees	8000
Saserguntees	2000
Booke Percollaes	3000
Golcundah Pettelas	3000
Saile Cloth	5000
Callapoes	2000
13 Sorts	Ps: 55000

The Agreement made for the said 13 Sorts We Oblige our Selves that these 13 Sorts of Goods shall be as good as Metchlepatam Compa: Musters and at those Prices ready whitened and within three Moneths & fifteen days time from the date hereof, we doe promise to gett all the Goods ready and to deliver the Same to be Embaled and laden upon the Boats and we are now to receive halfe ye money before hand, for what we have promised to provide, & when we have delivered all the Said quantity of goods for ye other halfe of the money Seeing we have Agreed to accept 3000 pagods: Vallue in Europe Goods, we are to receive them and the remainder you are to pay us in ready money, and within 10 days time if any Order Should come from the ffort to object against any of these Sorts herein Mentioned, it may be refused, and to except the rest according to agreement & if we Should not be able to bring Goods According to the Said Musters we Oblige our Selves to pay you Europe Advance, We give you ye: Writing of Agreement with our full Consent wherewith the Companys Bramine writer writt this.

J. Argapa.

Talagary Mussalaya—Chondoory Govindoo—Cotta Oyana—Pilary Chitty Chitty—Chondoory Devallo—Jaudy Yallaya—Addeply Jangam—Chintalapundy Muttallo—Nagandla Lingapa—Alapawty Vancataputty.

To the Noble William Gyfford GovernoR: for the HonoBLE: English East India Company of Fort St: George at Madraspatam.

Noble, Loyall, Venerable Most
discreet & Generous Sr.

I hope not otherwise but your Worsp enjoyes your accustomed health, and wellfare, I shall by these only let your Worsp understand that I am really enformed, and for a truth it is related, how one Teunis Andrize formerly Schipper upon our very unluckey Compas: Ship the Brid with five Seamen are run away from Betavia, and brought by one of your Worsps: Ships to Madraspatam, and that likewise a young Youth, of one Schipper Paulus Tielman of Porto Nova, does reside there too, and is come to your Worsp being kept at Madam Probies, & other in the Towne, Intimating for the Sake of the good alliance, and Neighbourly Correspondence together of the well made Peace of his Majestie the King of England, Scottland, France & Ireland, Charles the Second, & our High & mighty Lords the States Generall, I desire your Worsp : to make restitution and give over these People, to which purpose I have sent out of my Councell Seiur Hendrick Seroye, and the under-coopman Seiur Gaspar Nilo, with express Commission, to enforme your Worsp largely thereof, and to intreat that kindness of you which I make no doubt, that your Worsp: would be pleased to contribute to conserve and hold a good and

upright Friendship. If it should happen that your Worsp: Should desire me to consent to the like, You Shall find me to treat you with as much courtesy in the like occasion, and to endeavour a recompence, Upon wch: I send your Worsp: my heart ground Salutes, whose Protection I comitt to the Allmighty and remaine.

CASTELL GELDRIA,
16 SPTBR: 1682.
RECD: THE 7TH SEPT:
STILO VETERE.

Noble Loyall, Venerable & Most
Wise & Generous Sr:
Your Worsps: Adhering ffriend & Servant,
JACOB JORISON PITTS.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM GOPALDURGEE PONULO FROM SHEEVAPATNAM TO THE RT WORPLL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR GOVERNOUR.

DATED YE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER 1682.
RECD Do YE 7TH.

I enjoy good health and Shall be very Glad to heare of ye Same from your Worsp I recd yor Worsp Lre I beeing then at Sheevapatnam Yor Worp wrote me therein that his Excellency Harja Raja gave you a Cowle & for the obteyning the Same you had been at great expences & that you Could not Content to my Demands and that you wrote to yor people to give me Content, & that I Should Endeavour by all meanes to mannage the Bussinesse Soe that your people might have noe Cause to Leave our Country for otherwise if your people should leave the place you would one way or other gett all the mony agayne that you Spent in the procurement of the Cowle & Something more you writt to this purpose Mr ffreeman hath beene to visitt me unto whom I have Showne all possible Civillity & it being written in the Cowle for you to build your house ¼ of a Course Distant from the river I accordingly Shewed your people the place to which Mr ffreeman answered yt it was at too great a distance & that I Should ꝑmitt him to build it nigher & to lett him live in Sercawnes house till your house was built & that wee should permitt the Merchants the townes people and ye Washers to Come to him & doe what he should tell them, to which I answered that I would order all of them to doe according to his order as for the place where you were to build your ffactory Mr Yale Consented to it, when wee were writing the Cowle & if you refuse it now will it doe any good well, 'tis noe matter, ye ¼ of the Corse that is written in the Cowle makes 1000 yds & seeing that your Worp hath writt to me I told him I would Shew him a place before Circawnes Maseede in the towne and yt place would be about 488 yds distant from ye River & that I would fovor: him soe farr but I Could not lett Circawnes house by noe meanes all these things I earnestly told Mr ffreeman to which Mr ffreeman resolutely replyed that Mr Yale did not doe well in it & he would not give his Consent to any Such thing, if Mr. Yale is soe unwise why did yor Worp Send him about Such a businesse & I now ask't Mr ffreeman to accept ye place I proffered him but he would not wherfore may it please your Worp to writte to Mr ffreeman about it as you Shall thinck fitt.

As for the other things your Worp writt in the Lre I say that wee have Conquered from the Mogulls Country & thro ye whole Carnatt which your Worp knoweth very well & if you Should act now as you doe intend you will there doe us a great favor for those that desire to quarrell any where find according to their hearts wishes and that you may please to understand for on my part I assisted them all I Could but your people would not accept which you may please to know.

TO YE RT WORPLL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR
AGENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST GEORGE &CA COUNCELL.

PETTIPOLLEE YE 3d SEPTEMBER 1682.
RECD YE 10TH Do ANSrd Do

Rt Worpll Sr &ca

From Metchlepatam ye 18th of ye last month wee replyed to yor Genrll of ye 26th July & Addition of ye 3d of August & dispatch'd it by ye Metchlepam Peons which (with ye Consultacon annexed) wee hope is Come safe to your hands.

Upon Sunday ye 27th past in ye Evening wee sett out from Metchlepatam having first dispatched all ye hon^{ble} : Compa^{s} Goods by boates for this place of whose arrivall into Due River newes came to us Last night one of the said boates is left ashoare the fresh waters of a Sudden falling butt they had hopes this day or tomorrow to gett her off if not wee Shall be necessitated to be at ye Charge of Cowleys & another boate to unloade her there.

Upon Tuesday ye 29th past at night wee arrived here & went Immediately to view ye hon^{ble} : Compas ffactory, which we found in soe miserable a Condicõn that there is noe thoughts or possibility of repairing it, the upper Chamber being fallen into ye Godowne & the walls of ye two Roomes below mouldred away & the Rooffe fallen off and all the timbers Consumed and rotten & ye floore broken upp Soe there being noe habitacõn for us, we were forced to accept of a Choultry with a hovell at each end provided by ye Govern^{r} for us & ye hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods which is neither Convenient for the one nor ye other in respect ye floore is Mudd, Extreame damp & swarms with Ground Ants Soe as there is noe p^{r}servation for the Europe Cloth nor Callicoes (when brought in) nor is there any Convenient place for Sorting or any thing Elce, Wee our Selves being forc't to lye in ye Open Aire in Pallenkeen ever since wee Came hither ; Wee have Sent into the Towne to Enquire for Godownes & find there is none of ffit demencõns for our purpose ; & for a small Mudd hole which they Call a Godowne of 10 foote square they aske a pagoda & a halfe ꝑ month rent wherfore wee entreat your Worp̃ &ca to take it into your Consideracõn to find out some expedient for a remedy of these inconveniences otherwise wee shall not be able to serve the hon^{ble} Comp^{a} as o^{r} Inclinacõns lead us for our healths will be impared & their goods damnified.

We herwith transmitt unto your Worp̃^{ll} &ca our Consultacõns ye Contents wherof will informe you what progresse we have made in ye hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires with these Pettipolee Merchants & what difficulties wee have encountred from them, to bring them as neere as wee can to your Worp̃s &cãs orders which wee hope you will approve off, and give us your further direccõns for our Guidance.

The Merchants doe Still encourage us to believe that they will ꝓvide y^{e} quantity of goods mencõned in y^{e} Consultacõn Sent your Worp̃ &ca from Metchlap^{m} provided that they may have mony proporcõnal and they Dem^{d} $\frac{2}{3}$ in hand as paid at Metchlep^{m}; & in regard wee have not mony sufficient to Carry on this worke (being Encouraged therto by yor Worp̃ & cã^{s} Gen^{ll} : to gett what Cloth wee Cann & putt the Merch^{ts} upon itt; to bestirr themselves vigourously) & Supposing we shall doe acceptable and good Service to ye hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & yor Worp̃ &cã wee intend to write to Metchlepatam (Although wee have not yor Worp̃ &cã orders for it) to see what mony they Cann Spare us to forward it, in Confidence you will order us a further Supply, if you approve of the quantity & ye quallity of the goods already exp^{r}ssed in ye Consultacõn from Metchlepatam & wee doe thinck it necessary not to Loose further time, the season being far Spent, to Issue out unto ye Merchants what mony Wee have in Cash, to Commence the Investment, if wee Can p^{r}vaile with them to accept of soe small a Sum̃e which they very much boggle att tomorrow they will meet us againe, when Shall endeavour to bring them to a finall Conclusion; notwithstanding wee are at a Nonplus; wanting a List of ye quantity & sortment of goods you desire in Expectacõn wherof & ye imediate Conveying of your orders unto us wee have thought Convenient to Lay Tappa's upon the roade for that purpose & soe wee most respectfully Conclude remayning R^{t} Worp^{ll} S^{r} &^{ca}. Your most humble Serv^{ts} Sam Wales—Sloughter Lee—John Goddard.

P. S. Just now wee have advice by a
Peon that ye boat is gott off & that
wee may expect them here tomorrow.

Id S. W.
S. L.
J. G.

MADDAPOLLAM AUGST : Y^{E} 28TH : 1682.
RECD SEPT^{E} 10TH ANS^{ED} 11TH DO.

TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORSP^{LL} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{E}
AGENT & GOVERNO^{E} &CA COUNCELL.

R^{t} Worsp^{ll} S^{r} &^{ca}

Our Last to you was of ye 21th Curr^{t} ℘ Mr Jno Davis adviseing what wee had transacted to that time & now we come to answers yours recd ℘ Shipp Williamson dated the 26th July & 3^{d} Curr^{t}.

Mr Wales Departed hence ye 22th Curr^{t} at night having delivered up his bookes which Shall bee Carryed on by John ffield till you shall please to appoint us a Second.

We have sent to Metchlepatam to be forwarded to Bengall a Calculacon of our Tonnage being Tonns 3548 as ℘ acco^{t}: now sent you having added to ye Investm^{t} Contracted for by Mr John Davis Viz^{t}.

Long Cloth Ord^{ry}	5000
Sallampores ord^{ry}	4000
Ginghams of 40 Coveds	2000
Long cloth fine	2000
Sallampores fine	4000
Issarees	2000
℘callaes	0400

The Kings proclamacon hath been read Concerning Interlo℘s as advised in our Last & is with ye hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: printed orders & direcons hung upp in ye hall; & wee shall use our utmost endeav^{rs}; If any Interlopers Comes into this part to hinder him from any traffick nor shall we have any Comerce with him or any y^{t} belongs to him.

Mr Davis & Mr Wales doe affirme the Paddy to be theirs & not Sancho Narso's but if it had been his hee is under ℘teccon & must soe still remain for if he should be wholly Casheer'd hee is a fitting ℘son to assist Interlopers & paying the Governour Custome it will be a hard matter to p^{r}vent him.

Mr Davis hath all Mr Charles bills & papers in his posson which he sayth he will deliver you.

The Contract which the Late Agent & ye Merch^{ts} is to have mony before hand at 6 ℘ Cent & that to be accounted for at ye End of ye Yeare besides which they are to have the halfe or ye 2/3^{ds} of ye whole amo^{t} of the Investm^{t}; at the arrivall of ye shipps from Europe the word advance or Interest hath litle or noe difference on this acco^{t}; Gruah & his Comp^{a} are taken in for ¼ ℘^{te} of the whole & wee have given to him &c^{a} 20000 pag^{ds} & when wee shall know from you at what p^{r}ces, wee shall give them the share of Europe Goods & endeavour to putt of ye rest, ye whole Investment amo^{ts} to pag^{ds}: 124187½ ye 10 ℘ Cent upon fine & 5 ℘ Cent upon Corse deducted.

We have recd ℘ Shipp Williamson pag^{ds}: 25000 with such goods & ffactors ℘visions as menconed in Invoyce but ye goods want weight vizt.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Lead wants in weight	4	0	6
Copper	1	1	18
Brimston	2	3	11
Allom	7	0	2

As for ye quick Silver wee weighed it in ye botles as it Came & one of ye Chest holds out but halfe a pound more then the neet 16 ℘ Invoyce & ye other Chest is one pound & a halfe more, wee found that ye Quick Silver had leaked through the Corkes & soe through the Chest with tumbling up & Downe.

However wee shall give you Creditt for the whole and writt of ye rest to proffitt & Loss, accordingly as it hath been formerly directed.

Wee observe what you writt Concerning those ℘sons that have been upp with you upon Complaints against the Merchants Dubash & Brameny wee have told you that they did eminent service in ye last Contract made betweene the Late

Agent & Councell & our Merchants here, which is newes to John ffield who is the only ℘son remaining in these ℘ts with the Agent & though not of Councell in making the first Contract yett was ℘^{r}tty well acq^{t}ed how affaires went as being in ye ffactory & was at Councell with him at his returne from Bengall & did then give him Satisfactory reasons for neither entertaining of Arapah for Brameny nor Pidi Conda Ancha for Merch^{t}; & did also turn Pidi Conda Ancha from being timber Merch^{t}; on Acco^{t} of paying Junckan Contrary to ye then Agents & his owne order, to the end the Country people may take notice that wee disown any such Accõn but upon his submission & ℘mise of not Comitting the like fault again, he was once more recd in, wherfore we know not why Mr Davis &ca did afterwards Imploy Sancho Narso in that affaire, but Mr Davis being at ye ffort can best give you an Acco^{t} therof Pidi Conda Ancha now sues to be Concerned in ye Cloth Investment along with Wordnee Gruah but Wee dont find him willing to it, nor indeed Doe wee esteeme him a [℘ son] fitt to be entrusted with soe much mony at one time as must be given on that acco^{t} but if Wordnee Gruah will bee engaged for him wee shall Consider further of itt, & in the Interim have given him 500 pag^{ds}; for ye Investment of Timbers vizt;

50	Timbers of 18 Cov^{ds}	Long
100	,, of 16	,,
150	,, of 10	,,

and to abate 6 ℘ Cent on the usuall ℘zes.

Itt being unknowne to either of us, of any such agreem^{t}; as 18 pag^{ds}: ℘ añn should be paid to Muttaraz by ye Brameny & Dubash wee have examined him what he hath to shew for itt, or w^{t}: witnesses, they totally denying itt, butt he now falls off from whatt he told you & only declares to us what is the truth which is thus, Gruraz being the hon^{ble} Compãs Brameny & dying in their Service his wife gave him a promise of burning with him upon which he declares not to her of any thing he left behind him but after his decease at ye Intreaty of Muttaraz & Sev^{rll} others shee was by force ℘^{r}vented from that unnaturall Accõn & Muttaraz being esteemed poore & not fitting to undertake his brothers Imploym^{t}; the then Chiefe & Councell did promise to use their endeavours to gett him Continued stewards Brameny & to have pag^{ds} 1 : ½ ℘ mensem but when Mr Masters arrived here; he would not allow of any such thing, but that the head Brameny should provide one for the steward at his owne Cost & Charges ye Ag^{t} was then told the poore Condicon of Muttaraz to which he said he had nothing to doe with that, the head brameny had liberty to bring in whom he pleased which was told would be his brother to which the Agent replyed that was by reason but as for Grurazers Wife he allotted her 20 pag^{ds} a yeare which wee shall see payd but at ℘^{r}sent she is absent from hence Mutaraz having been very unkind to her, we have ordered him to send for her or bring her orders for ye paying of the mony to him & it shall be Complyed with accordingly otherwise she wants maintainance and will but Curse those that Saved her from those unnaturall fflames.

We have likewise discoursed Latchina, instead of making any thing appeare onely runns upon divisions that he served Sr Edward Winter and Mr Yarly which many hundreds in those ℘^{tes} can say besides himselfe & that he Likewise recd Wages from Mr Mohun when he was in his destracted Condicon & was for Entertaining of all people & renting all the Country but after Mr Mohuns happy restauracon to his senses he neither recd wages from him or ever saw him neither was he ever ordered Wages either by Mr Hatton Mr Master Late Agent John ffield or Mr Davis nor hath ye Dubass or Brameny Contract with him for any wee then asked him why then he told yor Worp^{ll} &^{ca} otherwise, to which he replyed they gott a great deale of mony & he was a poore man & why should not he have mony as well as them our discourses with these People was by a Dubass bro^{t} Downe with M^{r} ffield who is not in favour either with Dubass or Brameny here, that soe wee might have a true Interpretacon between us wee have been thus Large Concerning this business that yor Worp^{ll} & ^{ca} may playnely know how the Case stands, & we doe realy believe that meere poverty has forc't Latchina to his Complaint wherfore he is a ℘son litle serviceable to ye hon^{ble}: Company yett he

being an ancient man, please to allow him any thing out of ye Compãs Charity it shall be paid him but neither Brameny [nor] Dubass are willing to doe it saying they are Cutt off of ye Wages they used to receive, and at this rate may pay away all their Dustory too; that they are at great Charges & lay upp litle or nothing at ye yeares end as for Pidi Conda Ancka the Old man who was allwayes Dealt with for Timber declares he knowes nothing but referrs all to his brother & son former of which is now arrived but not ye Latter when they appeare together wee shall examine the business & doe Intreate you to believe wee shall doe what wee Cann in his favour and give him Justice not suffering either Dubass or Brammeny to wrong him or any of the others much Less to molest him and as for Latchinah, as soone as our Dubass is well, who hath been a long time very sick, wee shall make our address to ye Governour for regayning of Latchinahs Garden if possibly to be done wee have onely one thing More to add w^{ch}: wee entreate you to believe that in what we write Concerning Arapah wee doe not in ye Least designe to reflect upon yor Worp^{ll} &^{ca}: in giving him this ꝑ^{r}sen[t] Imployment there being reasons to withstand him their both as to this ffactory and the service he was then in which now are altogether void both as to his stac̄on & the long decease of his then Master.

Wee hope you will find us another assistant in Councell here being but two of us a great quantity of Cloth to goe through our hands besides much writing worke.

We shall not be backward in forwarding our bussiness what Lyes in our power & shall observe your orders Concerning keeping a friendly Correspondence with ye Governours therby to ꝑ^{r}vent the Interlopers trading if any should Come to this port.

ffor ffreemen there is none at ꝑ^{r}sent in this place but if any Comes we shall declare to them yor orders & endeavour to putt them in Execuc̄on.

You will see by what wee write by ye List of Tonnage we [now] send you that wee have agreed for some quantity of Cloth, more then formerly Contracted for, for which wee shall want mony to give the Merchants, they expect their two thirds, besides their 24,000 pagodas formerly paid them but wee shall lessen it what wee Cann, however they are poore men for the most ꝑte & must be Supplyed as they have occassion & all as wee can say for it is, that except Wordne Gruah & his Comp^{a} now newly Entertained ye rest have been found faithfull for many yeares not making any bad Debts.

You are pleased to write concerning the Eagles Invoyce in Aprill last was twelve month ye first time of her dispatch from hence [was] to ye fforte about ye 10th of March the last time was to England about the 5th May following Mr Wheeler being now here p^{r}sent remembers he entered the first in ye ffort bookes wee therfore now send you Coppy of ye Latter.

We shall observe what you write Concerning Cloth worse then Muster & take notice what You menc̄on in your Gen^{ll}: to Metchlep^{m}: Concerning the Long Cloth being short in measure & torn both which wee shall endeavour to p^{r}vent, wee did then fling out what peeces we found torne but it being the washers Roguery it is Impossible to find out all however we have given them a strict Charge concerning it, & shall use all possible Care.

The Merchants have bro^{t} in and put to ye Washers Viz^{t}:

	p^{s}
Longcloth ord^{ry}	1527
D^{o} fine	1795
Sallampores ord^{ry}	0636
D^{o} fine	4078
Ginghams	1609

Mr Wheeler who came with us from Metchp^{m}. had delivered over his Charge of the warehouse and Steward to Richard Brereton & this day returnes to Metchlepatam back.

Here is an English man a black Smith who was sent downe from ffort St George to looke after ye making of the Iron worke for the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} Sloopes

whose wages & dyett is 4 pag & a halfe ℘ mensem & is not at all serviceable now hee is marryed & wee desire to know whether wee shall return him & his wife to ye ffort hee having given Sev^{ll} troubles to this ffactory by his abuses to his wife when he getts in drinck as also to ye Natives. Wee have noe more to add but respectfully remaine R^{t} Worsp^{ll} S^{r} &^{ca} Your very humble Servants JOHN FFIELD—RICHARD BRERETON.

P.S.

Since writing the above wee rec̃d yours of the 22th Curr^{t} by the Nathaniell wherby you are [pleased] to advise us that you have sent Mr Nathaniell Gyfford to be last of Councell here and with him 30,000 pag^{ds} wee have sent to Metchlep^{m}: 20 Peons & what Cooleys procureable here to accompany & bring downe the hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Treasure together with Mr Gyfford & his necessarys but Mr Davis being gone there is a want of a Second to Carry on ye bookes Invoyces &c^{a}. which default shall be supplyed amongst us till you shall please to Supply us or order who shall undertake that Imployment.

The Last yeeres bookes wee have sent to Metchlep^{m}: to be bound with our desires to ye Chiefe & Councell there to forward them to you as soone as done. Wee have according to your order examined Mr Tillotsons Counter ℘te & find it to be but for 5 yeares & therfore according to your order have appoynted him to take place accordingly.

MADAPOLLAM Y^{E} 29TH AUGUST 1682. Jd: JOHN FFIELD—RICHARD BRERETON.

A List of tonnage in Maddapollam Anno 1682.

	PS.		PA.	
Long Cloth ord^{ry}	25,000	is at	160 ℘ Tonn	156 : $\frac{1}{4}$
Do. fine	6,006	at	D^{o} rate	37$\frac{1}{2}$
Sallampores ord^{ry}	20,000	at	400 ℘ Tonn	50
Do. fine	22,000	at	D^{o} rate	55
Percollaes	4,000	at	800	5
Issaree	4,000	at	D^{o} rate	5
Gynghams	12,000	at	400 ℘ d^{o}	30
Dungarees	8,000	at	600	13$\frac{1}{3}$
				352$\frac{1}{6}$

TRANSLATE OF A LR̃E FROM NAGOGEE TIRUMALA PONTULA FROM CODALOORE TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORP^{ll}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} GOVER^{R}:

NOE DATE

RECD SEPT^{R} Y^{E} 11TH 1682

ANSRD D^{O} DIE

I enjoy good health & shall be very glad to heare the like from your wor̃p, Your Wor̃p sent a Shipp here with a designe to Setle a ffactory & by meanes of our People which were betweene the Sobedar & yours, your people left ye place & went away & when I heard of it I was heartily Sorry but if your Wor̃p will give me leave to talke about this business I will goe to Harja Raja and procure his Excellenc[ys] leave that you may build the ffactory neere the river & shall obteyne his Lr̃e for your Wor̃p to p^{r}serve a good friendship betwixt you, of this yor Wor̃p may be assured therefore may it please your Wor̃p to be soe kind to me as reckon me in ye number of yor Serv^{ts} & to lay your Com̃ands upon me I shall likewise in time procure his highness Shembogees Cowle for your Wor̃p. I further referr your Wor̃p Concerning this business to ye bearers herof Erram Rajoo & Vallabhia of what they shall acquaint your Wor̃p by word of mouth I shall obtaine leave for yor Wor̃ps people to live in Circawnes house this yeare for 6 months time.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM AMBOGEE HARREE FROM TINDEVANAM TO M[R] ROBERT FREEMAN.

NOE DATE
RECD Y[E] 11 SEPT[R]
ANS[ED] D[O] DIE

I enjoy good health & should be glad to heare y[e] like from you, you writt a Lre to y[e] Sobedar Vittulla Polle you writt therin that you desired to setle a ffactory at Conemere for which purpose should give you a Cowle I have sent your Lre to s[d] Sobedar y[e] answer of which seing I have already sent you you will by it understand y[e] Contents therof Soe you need not doubt in y[e] Least but endeavo[r] to encrease the Port for I shall doe as you would have me therfore doe not Doubt pray write to me from time to time &, as I desire, pray keepe friends towards me.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM Y[E] SOBIDAR OF CHENGIE VITTULLA POLLE DE[V] TO M[R] ROBERT FFREEMAN.

NOE DATE
RECD Y[E] 11 SEP[TR]
ANS[ED] D[O] DIE

I enjoy good health & wish to heare the like from you the Lre you sent me (Since I have re[d] it in a good houre) I heartily rejoyc'd therat you writt therin that you had a great desire to setle a trade at Conimero & that if we should give you leave to doe it you would Come with all expedicon wherat I did heartily rejoyce I have already spoke to y[e] Havaldar of Tindevanam Ambogee Pontulo Concerning this business when you have any thing to write about it you may write to him & gett yo[r] business done & [l]ooke to encrease y[e] port of Conemero & whatsoever Cowle s[d] Ambogee Pontulo shall give you, you must looke upon it as if I had given it myselfe you may please to remaine with a Contented heart & seeke to endeavor to encrease the said port Ambogee Pontulo doth write you in briefe therby you will understand all, pray keep your Love towards me

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METCHLEP[A] Y[E] 13TH SEPTEMBER 1682.

TO THE R[T] WORP[LL] W[M]: GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
AGENT & GOVERNOR &CA COUNCELL.

RECD 23.

Right Worp[ll] S[r] &ca.

Our Last unto you of y[e] 8th Curr[t] advising the decease of M[r] Sayon the quantity of Cloth measured & putt to washing & our promise of Endeavouring to Carry on the business in its wonted Channell & to keepe it in as much forwardness as can be expected from soe few assistants M[r] Throughton being gon Sick to Madapollam here remayneth only M[r] Bett (besides ourselves) whom your Wors[p]: &ca have not as yett in any Generall to this ffactory ordered hence & we hope will not that the writing worke here may not stick on hand.

Shall endeavour all that possibly wee Cann to keepe up the prices of our Europe Goods & to further sale your Lre of the 22[d] August Sayeth as to y[e] Cloth we must have respect to the greater or Lesser quantityes they take off by which wee conclude that on y[e] sale of a quantity some small matter Lost may be accepted Rather than loose y[e] opportunity.

When y[e] Generall bookes are bro[t] up what you order hence to Pettipollee & Vizzagapatam shall be Charged to Acco[t]: Curr[t]: ffort S[t] George.

When James Wheeler was at Maddapollam the Chief &ca Councell here advised the Agent of Bengall ℘ the Nathaniell that here would be 362 tonns of Goods laden on y[e] hon[ble]: Comp[as]: shipps from this factory but since on discourse with M[r] ffield & Examinacon how M[r] Sayon Calculated it which was at 4 Bales ℘ tonn which we Conceive to be erroneous the hon[ble]: Comp[as]: goods being

Calculated by so many peices to the Tonn, and noe Accompt of Tonnage to be found, [wee] Cannot Rightly Compute it, therefore humbly offer to your Wors^{p} : &c^{a} : Councell if thinke Convenient to adv[i]se the Agent in Bengall the true Tonnage rightly Calculated ℘ your next advices thither, noe sea Con[v]eyance being like to present from hence, the goods contr[a]cted for ℘ the Merchants are as followeth.

Sallamporees p^{s}	20000
Percollaes of 15 co^{ds}	12000
Booke Percollaes	6000
Izzarees	4000
Oringall Beetelaos	16000
Allejarees	15[000]
Dungarees Bro^{n}	18[000]
Gulcondah Beetlas	35[00]
Saile cloth	30000
Dimities	2000
Romals	5250
Cummums	3000

How many of w^{ch} : goeth to a Tonn Mr Stables hath a paper will declare.

Wee herewth : remitt you our Consultations diary acco^{t} : Cash and Pursers Accompt for last month, and Intreat your Wors^{p} : &c^{a} : to take into Consideration that the reason why the expences swell soe high in August, are the great resort there was then here, as all the Hono^{ble} : Companyes servants belonging to Madap^{ll} : and Pettepollee for some dayes, and the Commanders of Ships, wth their crew all w^{ch} : haith much encreaced the Expences w^{ch} : for the future shall be as frugall as possible. Wee have Contra[c]ted wth our Merchants for 3000 p^{s} Cummum Beetlaes on those very Musters your Wors^{p} &c^{a} Returned one the Nathaniell w^{ch} : now whitened appeare well to the eye, the Contract is to bring them in [cured] the first sort at 30 pago^{ds} ℘ corge and the 2^{d} : sort at 28½ pago^{ds} : ℘ corge at 1 ℘ cent abatement, w^{ch} : hope will be well approved of.

Not any quantity of either stick lack or Turmaricke is here at present procurable and wee are Informed that this place is supplyed there wth from Gingerlee, where they are usually about 50 ℘ cent Cheaper.

Here is great want of Goedownes to put ye Cloath in both before and after sorting there belonging to the ffactory but one Goedowne wch is now neer filled wth Europe Goods and the sorting place so little that it will not Containe the Browne cloath, before its measured In so much that Now the Merchants, are very pressing to have some sheeds Built in the ffactory to receive their Browne Cloth in, before measureing to secure it from the Raines : w^{ch} : esteeme much wanting and very necessary to be therefore entreat your Answere thereto.

Mr Sayon was on buying an old house and a well seated spott of Ground even against the ffactory Mansion house, belonging to M^{r} W^{m} : Jearsey intending to have built that into Goedowns said Ground and house is Vallued by the Towne Carpenters at 100 pago^{ds} : & Mr Jearsey haith impowred one here to make sale there of some place or other must be speedily provided for wee know not where to Keepe ye goods after Imbaleing, the ffactory Cannot finde Roome for halfe, and to putt them in Hired Goedownes abroad, is dangerous in Respect of fire and Robbery. It is reported that Accana is neere Antroveed, and will come hither if soe wee shall be at a loss how to behave ourselves wth : out your Wors^{ps} : &c^{a}: directions.

Muttella M^{r} : Mallaryes Servent hath demanded of us a 11 pago^{ds} : 25 fanams, wch he sayeth his Master at his deceace was indebted to him, Enclosed is his Accompt Wee desire your orders Concerning it Mr Mallaryes out cry money wch is pretty Considerable, was Paid ℘ M^{r} : ffeild to Mr Sayon, whose servant sayeth he see his Master put In his owne scritore w^{ch} : is now Choped up; but when opened and Reced shall be brought into the Hono^{ble} : Companyes Cash.

Our new dubash Portana giveth constant attendance on the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Concernes in this ffactory, and is so Dilligent & Obsequious in his office, that wee Doubt not all things will be performed to Content.

Herewth : goeth Madapollam Gennerall books on the dispatch of this Pattamar arrived the Pacquett from Bengale herewth : sent Calling not to minde more at present we humbly subscribe Right Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Your most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}: James Wheeler—Timothy Harris.

Timothy Harris being at present not Capacitated to drawe ye Stewards Aacco^{t} : out through Indisposition of body intreats your Worsp &c^{a} : Councell to pass this untill next Conveyance. James Wheeler—Timothy Harris.

Pettipolee the 9 : Septem^{br} 1682.

To the Right Worp^{ll} : William
Gyfford Esqr : Agent & Govern^{r} :
of Fort S^{t} : George &^{ca}: Councell.

Right Worp^{ll} : S^{r} : &^{ca} :

Upon the 3^{d} instant wee dispatchd by o^{r} : Peons unto yor worsp^{ll} : &c^{a} : Copies of our consultations of all o^{r} : proceedings wth : these Merch$^{t[s]}$ since o^{r} arrivall & aquainted yor : worp : &c^{a} that for speedy conveying of yor : further orders directions unto us wee had laid Toppas upon the Road w^{ch} : makes us hope wee s[h]all suddaynely hear from you.

Herewith wee doe send unto yor Worp &c^{a}. Copies of o^{r} Consultations since o^{r} last; w^{ch} : will acquaint you what Difficulties wee have met with Ere wee could, these Merch^{ts} : to a conclusion & what head Merch^{ts} & under Merch^{ts} : they have made an alteration in wee are certainely informed is for the better being all very able substantiall men. You will likewise rec[e]ive Copies of ye Contrackt made with ye Merch^{ts} : & the bill obl[i]gatory wherein they are Mutually bound Each for ye Other.

They have Made some alterations in abatement of some peices from the list sent from Metchlap^{m} : alledging, that of those sorts they Could not ob[l]idge to provide more of all o^{r} procedings herein wee hope yor : worp &c^{a} : will approve & wee doe assure yo^{u} it is not to bee imgained [imagined ?] ye hard taske wee have had to drawe these obstinate selfe willd people to those termes wee have.

The under Merch^{ts} : demanded ther Tashariffe in 3 yards of Cloath Rashes; as hath been formerly done & practized at Metchlap^{m} : wee have putt them off untell wheer [wee] heare from yor worp &c^{a} : wherefore bee pleased to give yor pleasure herein wee begg the favor that yo^{u} will bee pleased to lett ye Contract & bill obligatory bee translated into English & return'd unto us that wee may enter them in o^{r} Consultation booke under ye originalls for future gover[n]ment in the Like.

Wee find wee shall have some demurr with ye Merch^{ts} about ye privazes of some of o^{r} [Europe] goods in regard that brimestone Copper plates quick silver & Allome have not lately been sould at Metchlap^{m} : soe as wee shall have noe rates from thence to rule o^{r} selves by as to setteing the privzes of them here wherefore wee desire yo^{u} will give us yor : advise & Derections herein.

The boates with ye Hono^{rble} : Compa^{s} goods are all arrived in safety and the goods put into such Godownes as wee could here procure but wee cannot promise o^{r}selves any security to ye woollen goods from ye Ants w^{ch}: swarme in these Mudd Godownes though wee doe take all the care that possible can bee.

The Govern^{r}: (when hee was here) promised to a better accomodations, then wee now have both for the Honble : Comp^{as} Goods & o^{r}selves but hee being de[p]arted, wee heare noe more nor know not how to relye upon his promises to us, for ye hardshipps & Extremities wee undergoe are not to be endured.

John Goddard is very ill of a feavor & hee lyes a pallenkeen, for wee have noe house roome for him nor Physsick; nor Doctor to administer it [if] wee had & wee are all very much indisposed wherefore wee againe desire yor Worp &c^{a} : to Co[n]sider of it & find out some Expedient to remedie these inconveniencies this is all that wee have to give yor advise off & soe most respectfully wee Remaine Right Worsp S^{r} &c^{a} : Sam : Wales—Sloughter Lee—John Goddard.

P :S :

Wee wrote to Metchlap^{m} : to see if they could furnish us with 1000 Pagodos for ye comp^{a} : service w^{ch} : wee have just now received answ^{re} : y^{t} cannot doe it without an order from yor Worp̃ &ca Mr Sayon was very weake & the night before was light headed our letters are of ye 7 Instant but heres a Jentu letter in [*a word or two lost*] wch sayes hee Dead.

S.W.
S.L.

METCHLEPATAM THE 8TH SEP^{BR} : 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^{LL} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R} AGENT & GOVEN^{R} : &C^{A} : CO[U]NCELL.

Right Worsp^{ll} S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Since our last advices to yo^{u} of ye 21th Augst : preceding we have rec̃d two Genneralls of the 14th and 27th August to w^{ch} : shall now repley.

The Ship Thomas arrived the 21st instant whereby yo^{u} were pleased to order Mr Ramsdens proceeding to Vizagap^{m}, who accordingly went off from this shoare the 24th following but as yett wee have not anny notice of his arrivall either from himself or by report, wee have observed your orders about the admission of Poutana in the place of Cheife dubash to succeede Venkatadry. Wee have taken out Poutanas share from ye Merch^{ts} stock and have given it amongst them all for this year wch needs must be the only way to prevent him from retaineing any part under others names it not being likely y^{t} soe many will be privay to it without discloseing it some time or other, and was then given them in Charge y^{t} if they offered any such thing it should prove to their prejudice w^{ch} : they all then assured us they should not w^{ch} : shall be stricktly obser[v]ed by us to discover them if they play booty Wee rec̃d the drinking glasses from the Thomas & distributed them as you ordred proportionally to ye remaindr of them, there being many broake it came but to little more then halfe the number you sent us w^{ch} : soe soon as the Books are brought up now in hand shall be charged to yor Acc^{t} Curr^{t} :

The 26th Instant August arrived the Nathaniell from Whome wee rec̃d three Chests of treasure for ourselves and freinds att Madpollam w^{ch} : by an order from them was delivered to Mr Nathaniell Gyfford who went hence to his charge there the 30 day of last month.

The Governour of this place is growne better affected to our business then formerly haveing severall times sent for the Cheife who deferd the Visitt so long till he sent word he would come to ffactory to pay one w^{ch} : to prevent he went that Day where after the usuall entertainement of a suppe[r] he entred into discourse about ye affaires of this place ; professing much freindship and Kindness expressing a hearty wellcome, upon w^{ch} : hee was acquainted that possibly there might come some interlooping shipp hither as there had done formerly wch he was entreted to obstruct upon all accasions who readily gave an assurance that he would use the utmost of his endeavors w^{ch} : wee doubt would be effectuall wth : all reminding us of Mr Wynns promise w^{ch} : Hee promised to present to their Worp^{s} &c^{a}, and wee esteeme it noe less necessary to prevent any quarrell & ingage his intrest in a high measure.

Septem^{br} : the 8th : in the morning soe farr was carried on by M^{r} : Vincent Sayon who last night deceaced of fevor w^{ch} : continued on him five dayes in wch time he was restless irreglar and unruly he made a will wherein he nominated M^{r} : Bigrig and Mr Yale his overseers his concernes wee all copped up in a chamber apart, and awate their order, it is a very sickly time here being sevarall ill in the ffactory and out of the towne Reportes speaketh there are from 12 to 15 dayly, buried of the natives wch decease [by] feavors ye great and speedy necessity of a Chirurgeon to be here wee humbly present unto yor Worp̃ &c^{a} :

This is only intended to advise your wors^{p} : &c^{a} : of M^{r} : Sayons departure and shall as so[o]ne as his funerall is over imediately prepare to send the diary Consultations Acco^{ts} : cash and pursers Accompts for last month.

At Mr: Sayons decease wee examined the Honoble: Companyes Cash wth: Mr. Brereton and found by Cash booke there should remaine Pagods: 112[46 : 2]1 : 1 wth: some other parcells of his owne.

There is allready brought in measured and Putt to [washing] the following.

Callicoes	
Sallampores	ps 10,765
Percollaes	ps 6,050
Booke Percollaes	ps 522
Allejaes	ps 93
	ps 17,430

And the Merchants doe promise very spedily to bring in a great quantity assureing us that tho they have undertaken so large an Investment it shall bee brought in sooner then last year.

Here is great want of assistance Mr Throghton being very sick of afflux & feavor ever sence his arrivall this aire does not agree with his Constitution he humbly desires you would remove him as speedy as you can in the meane time wee shall use our utmost endeavors to keep all business up in a forwardness and noe arguments shall be wanting to hasten the Merchants to bring in ye Cloth wth: to see measured & embaled there will be great want of one. Wee are now busily employed in prepareing for his Intermt: he Departing between 11 and 12 last night and cannot be kept longer then this afternoon therefore wee entreat you please to excuse not further inlarging at present from Right Worpll: Sr &ca Your most humbl: servants James Wheeler—Timothy Harris.

Translate of A Letter and A Receit from bramine Accona from Golconda to ye Right Worpll: Wm Gyfford Esqr Governour Dated ye 28th Augt: 1682.

Whereas Bramine Mawdo Kishno still writes to me of ye greate freindship towards the Bramine Poldela Lingapa In ye Divans Affaires, I am sencible of itt.

ye sd Bramine Lingapa haith ordred shipps to be built for ye Divans Accot and said Bramine Maudo Kishno Resides towards your Worpll: to send those shipps to severall places and to manage all other Divans businesse In those parts soe I desire yor Worpe: to Assist said Mawdo Kisno In wt he shall desire you both Concer[n]ing the Shipps as other affairs of ye Divans yor worship may please to looke uppon Lingapa as myself and to assist him in whatsoever he shall Desire you. You may please to Know that ye Pagos: 1200 for Chinapatnam ye Last years Rent is allready Pd: to the Divan.

Translate of A Letter from our Bramine Higib Vira Ragavia from Golecundah to ye Rite Worpll Wm Gyfford Esqr Governor Dated ye 6th Sepbr 1682.

Those letters yor worpll sent last arrived ye second current whose Contents I have observed yor Worpll Ordered me to procure Bramanis Maddana and Acconas Roccas Concer[n]ing our settlemts: att Vizagapatam &ca: places agreable to his High[nessse ye Allampan] has Gratious Pharmand Granted to ye English Nation I did accordingly Carry yor Worpll: letter to Bramine Accona haveing Got ye same Read before the Arrivall of yor Worpll: letter here these people have had notice of our peoples arrivall yonder to make a new settlement in those parts haveing Promised Mee to give Rocas saying [that] seing wee doe disigne to make new Settlement wee should give both to his brother Maddana and himeselfe some presents to which I answared him that his Highnesse ye Allampana hath granted us the Phirmand at Matchlepatam and wee disire noe more then to observe the Contents thereof for wee doe not desire any thing that new, and Gott ye Coppy of our Phirmand read before him who After heard it read, he told me yt It did not mention therin In Perticuler but in generall but howsoeever he will

give us the Roccas but seing y^t it is a new bewsines they doe expect A Considerable present In regard y^t wee doe not give them any preasent at other times and that all other people doe use to present them w^{th}: some presents Annually as ye Duch themselves doe and why should not wee doe as theay doe, and therefor wee must allsoe give then yearly present and y^t wee must not dought to present them w^{th}: somthing It being a new thing wee now designe, and tould me we must present them w^{th}: soe much and then they will Immediately Give there Roccas att w^{ch}: I Replyed him y^t I would write to yor $Worp^l$ Concerning it for I dare not doe anything without yor $Worp^l$ order & Consent seing now Bramine Accana is made y^e Cheife person who maniges y^e whole affaires of y^e Kingdome none dare aquaint any to be bramine Accana for whosoever Goeth to speak about any busines to Maddana he sends to his Accana and therefore I did apply myselfe first to Accana hee tould me y^e above s^d things, soe yor $worp^{ll}$: may please to order mee as yo^u think it most convenient those of y^e greate men here named Velegandala Yencana and Somiajolo Pantulo our freinds spoke to me that seing it was a new thing wee now designe in y^e s^d $settlem^t$: y^t was y^e reason they doe expect or demand A present from us and therefore I[f] wee doe Expect to have our busines done firmely we must present them with some thing whereas wee designe to make a new $settlem^t$: at A port and y^t wee Cannot present Bramines Maddana and Accana w^{th}: a less summe of Mony then 500 $Pago^d$: A peece to secure our Businesse these things have in Past heare I thought fitt to Acquaint yor $Worp^{ll}$: therewith Concerning wch yo^u may please to Order mee As y^o think fitt and w^{th}: all I thought it Convenient to acquaint yor worp: y^t when this busines Is Come to Effect I[t] will cost us 40 or 50 pagothas more to be given Amongst y^e Petty officers, for theeses People heare Say that we doe not use to give them any thing but when our busines Comes to Effect Espetually now this being a new buesines, Conserning w^{ch}; may it please yor Worp to Order me.

Wheareas yor Worp did remit yor order by way of Poddela Lingapa Concerning paying out Townes Rent soe soone as it Arived heare I s^d ye 1200 pagothas and when I demanded ye receit for the same Bramine Accana told me that the Sharlaskareene shipp Is now Given to Poddela Lingapa and wheather wee did not pay our townes Rent all this while to Mahomed Hibrahim and Recd y^e Receit from his hands soe he maide this Excuse to avoyd giving the receit and at last I have prevaled wth him and hath gotten his Receit w^{ch}: I have sent yor $Worsp^{ll}$ here with y^e arrivall of wch may it please yor worp to advise mee with your further Commands.

Delta July 13: 1682.

Right $Worp^{ll}$ Esq^R $\&c^a$:

Honored Sirs

I am infinitely obliged to y^r Prudence Equity and moderation y^t y^u per[m]itted me to answer Mr Vincents Charge wch I purposely delayed sometime in hope y^t succeding Accidents might either not soe absolutely require it from me here or be satisfyed tho it were don after another manner then now it is as I once Intended, but when I began to think it of necessity I sett about it, not wth our strong reluctancy and regret that for my owne just Defence and vindication I was Compelld to Collect and unite many scattered passages y^t as they lay in Generall Papers would have it may be harmelesse and recount others equally offensive and unpleasant.

The whole I take as designed against myself, but in regard some perticulars thereof include the 2^d: and 3^d here too, twas thought necessary to be donn by us all and accordingly twas wrott, owned and Signed.

The Coppy I presume to send y^u herewith as allso 5 other papers relating thereto doubting much when or whither ever Mr Vincent w^{ll}: transmitt ye originalls.

Whither his Charge be fully refused you are to be Judges and tis [my] great fortune and happiness that the decision is with Persons of such wisdome justice and other Excelling qualities.

If y° shall think the style in any part Petulant and language unseemly because he is my superior and Cheife of ye Bay, I humbly submitt to and will beare yor sensure yet y° same time earnestly beseech yo^{u}: to consider well ye true reasons and nature of, and his manner of working the accusation, and the whole Progress and series of his attempts to disgrace and ruine me wth: your Worp &c^{a}: and the Hono^{ble}: Company.

Could he have made discoveryes of any unfa[i]thfullness in my Actions and dealing, for such are ye Charges to be regarded and noted, there had needed little gall in his Ink and none in myne, but to fly out into clamorous passion and make personall reflections (w^{ch}: if true are noe part of business) is to usurp an unlawfull power over me, for Certainly neither yor selves nor ye Hon'ble: Comp^{a}: ever intend to despoyle any English man whatsoever of his birth right, or to invest a superior servant as is M^{r}: Vincent with y^{t} liberty of defamation of one subordinate but a few degrees wch the lawes of England, let the disproportion be never soe great suffer not to goe unpunished. He is a Merchant soe am I, he is the ffirst in ye bay, I am not ye last, & altho inferior to him in some respects yet am I not one ioata less tender of my credit, my good name being that w^{ch}: must sweeten my life and he y^{t} would wound it I think approches to murder me.

I only wish ye geuilty and Burlesque of some passages may not disgust y^{e} [them], because I esteemd it more safe and warrantable thus to disarm him then to make Killing passes by [retaliating] dirty rayling.

As soon as I was sensible of this secret and c[i]vel underminings, such as were his withdrawing and denying the enordered Investments of this ffactory and yet at ye same tyme accusing me to ye Honble: Comp^{a}: for negligence that they were not made &c^{a} I began to look to myselfe soe that our Decca letters and Dyaryes since 1680 which are our Hono^{d}: Masters Intrest cheifly and my owne Just excuses are his great quarrall and are or should be all before y^{e} [these] I despayre that y^{u} will find tyme to looke soe muckwards into them all as the matter requires.

Most of the Articles of his Accasation deduced from past yeares doe certainly in yõ Worps &c^{a} Judgments looke like old malice revivd wch now to fill up paper and accumulate my faults are utterd on this occasion, but against such besides that I have answerd them to him I have another plea with humble submission to your Honoured Councell wch is the Honble: Com^{a}: last years letter and Paragraph, Concer[n]ing me in these words and if Mr Hervy should be displaced from being a Cheife at Decca our Positive order is that he be forthwith resetled Cheife of y^{t} factory and that doe carry on this yeares Investment at that place and soe to continue untill our further order for ye Ho: Co^{e}: did suppose that I might be desplaced from this proceeding years letter wherein they gave the Last Agent Master in great repute & Esteem with them then on suspicion only of my private Tradeing an unlimited and indeed unheard of power to put me from their service and yet notwithstanding upon second thoughts and fresher advices they are pleased to Honour to me with ye Cheifship of Decca ye very following yeare, soe that I am now as it were upon a new fou[n]dation, whilst therefore noe foul dealing or wronging them in my accompts has ever apperd or is soe much as hinted at by those who I have been adv[i]zed first after my very blood surely Mr Vincents fond and frayle Arguments before that tyme cannot neither ought in ye least to harme me with yor Worp &c^{a}:

And one [on ?] these considerations Cheifly doe I ground my Present presumtion that I doe not deceive myselfe with vague & unreasonable hopes and expectations of yor favour, tho being as I am, encompassed with ye numberless snares of a furious and Potent Enemy and my life thereby made very wretched, I know not why a Chang[e] for ease and rest should bee unwellcome. In this difficult employment I am in as circumstances are ye Least error or misfortune I am obnoxious to will be noyl'd by Mr Vincent to ruine the Ho: Co: concerns and laboriously contrived if he can to work my fall, tho, as I have Wrott him, who ever shall be soe Vile as for their owne animosityes or grudges of wch God Knowes I am free, to endanger in the least by any negligence Omission or Connivance ye Ho: Co: Intrest deserve to suffer in my opinion all they are Capeable of suffering.

I have now Left earnestly and humbly to Deprecate the ill opinion yor: Worp or any of your Councell may possibly conceive of me for a man Contentious or Turbulent &c^{a} for I am certainly of another and more agreable temper haveing never differd with any that Know me well or lived with me with any man whatever who exceeded not ye bounds of fayrness honesty and reason, and this I referr to your Considerations. How haughty Insolent and insufferab[l]e yea and generally pernicious too ye Humour now rainging over us in Bengall is y^{u} have it may be perceived and herd also from others tho if matters had not come to this Extremi[t]y I would have chosen still to suffer silently.

Yet after a long and sharp Contest I have gained nothing but Vexation and trouble for ye Cheife is ye most resolved and stubborn man alive, nay I find y Generall bussiness must yeild to him at last, for whilst his power and malice remaynes it is impossible for me or any man liveing to serve ye H : C : in [this] place either according to our Desires and Capacity or their Honours Expectations I am Right Worp^{ll} &c^{a}. Your most humbly Servt Sa : Hervy.

Metchletam Septem^{r} : ye 10th : 1682.

To the Right Worsp^{ll} William
Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^{r} : &c^{a} : Councell.

It may bee some admiration to yo^{u} : to see a Letter come from us dated in this place but since it hath been noe detriment to the Hono^{ble} : Company wee hope yo^{u} will pardon soe small a Fault the most desperate Condition of both our Wifes requireing our returne hither John ffield arrived here the 8th : Currant at noone where hee did not intend to stay twenty foure howres but to our great trouble hee came to the interring of M^{r} : Vinsent Sayon instead of visiting of him whereupon some urgent occosions occasioned his stay [there long] to his great discontent haveing enjoyed not one howre of health since his comeing here and did intend this day to returne and the more to forward him wee did this day receive a letter from M^{r} : Gyfford adviseing that Accana is within five Leagues of Madap^{m} : and will suddainely bee at Narsapore how wee shall come off with such a ꝑson are yett att a stand it being without question noe small matter that will satisfie him besides the Charge of meeting & entertaining him nor have wee tyme to Awaite your Worp^{s} : &c^{a} : orders to disgust him will bee to the ruin of ye Honr^{ble} : Companys affaires however John ffeild intends this night to Madapollam and shall use all frugality possible when advised with Mr Gyfford & those Natives that can give further insight into this buisinesse, Wee respectfully remayne R^{t} Worp^{ll} S^{r} &c^{a} Your very humble Serv^{ts} : John ffeild—Richard Brereton.

Madapollam Sepr ye 14, 1682.

To the R^{t} Worsp^{ll}
W^{m} : Gyfford Esqr : Agent &
Govr : &c^{a} : Councell.

R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

We have now received notice of Ancanas Visiting these parts about twenty two days hence w^{ch} : is longer then we were before advised off where we have now dispatched 2 Peons to you humbly requesting yor speedy orders how to proceed in piscashing & treating him.

In a few days we shall dispatch o^{r} Consultations &c^{a} ; for last month and then give you an acco^{t} : w^{t} Cloath we have Come in, In the Interim we respectfully remaine. R^{t} : Wors^{p} : S^{r} : &c^{a} : y^{r} : very humble serv^{ts} : John ffeild—Rich : Brereton.

P.S. He intends likewise to Metchlepatam and is now at Beswara about 70 miles from hence.

METCHLEP^{A} : OCTO^{BR} : Y^{E} 3^{D} : 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^{LL} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT & GOVERNOR &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Right Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Our last unto you was the 28th ult^{o} : to accomp^{a} : a letter recived from the Egyb who desired it might be forthwth : sent, it being of importance wherefore we sent it to Pettepollee requiring ye Cheif and Councell there to forward it on their Toppas.

Yours of ye 7 and 11 September wee received ye 16th ditto, for answere whereunto here is noe Interloper appears, and if any should, wee shall immediately put in excution your possitive order, to oblige this towne Governour beyound him, whose present behaviour to ye Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} : servants in this ffactory, and faire demeanor to their Negotations in these parts to give us a faire prospect of. In reguard your letter sayeth wee should endeavour to encrease the quantities of sortes of Goods most proffitable and exceptable to the Hono^{ble} : Company we sent for the Merchants who when they weare acquainted therewth : replyed they could not conctract for a peice more of anny sort y^{t} twas as much as possible they [wo]uld be able to bring in timely what they had contracted for allready.

But seeing you are pleased to write us to gett w^{ht} : wee can of all sortes to supply the great Tonage Charged on yo^{u}, wee entreat your answer by first whiter wee shall contract hereafter for such goods as can gett at reasonable rates of such sortes wee Imagaine m[a]y be benificiall and acceptable to our hon^{ble} : Masters or else first send the respective Musters to the ffort, and await your Worp^{s} : &c^{a} : orders thereon, the season groweth late and in the interim said goods may by others be brought up and [*A few words lost*] wee desire your [*A few words lost*] followed.

We herewth send you a Muster of ordinary Sallamp^{rs} : ye lowest wee can bring ye Merc^{ts} to is 12½ pago^{ds} : ꝑ corge ready whited and Cured wth out any abatement at wch price have taken 20 corge.

Our dubash Potana will endeavour to procure what dutch Cloth he can as in our Consultation of 21 past but he now acquaints us that the duch Merchants say they are now to receive money to Invest in goods these Batavia ship arrived this year at Pullicat and Tevenapatam haveing brought such orders In yours of the 7th : ult^{o} : you are pleased to write wee hope yo^{u} have observed the Hono^{ble} : Companyes derections in their list Concerning Cotton Romalls that yo^{u} gett them 50 ꝑ cent Cheaper then was formerly sent Wheareas before our arrivall here A contract was made for 5250 p^{s} of Cotton the Company expect for a pago^{d} : ꝑ p^{s} and then the whole quantity to be provided therefore we hope your Wors^{p} : &c^{a} will approve thereof.

When this years Ships are dispatched and ye press of business over shall then put in execution your orders about M^{r} : Wynns Tomb.

If any Interloper should arrive at this Port wee s[h]all not faile giveing you advise and aquainting ye Duch here what ye Hono^{ble} : Company writes and order Concer[n]ing them.

What money Can be Spared to Pettepollee or Vizagapatam on their advises shall be sent them as allsoe what Phisick the doctor thinks convenient he is now at Madapollam.

The Bayse by the Lancaster more shewd to our Merch^{t} : who well approved of ye 4 Culerd[p^{s}] though could not be brought to proffer any higher price the[n] 15 pago^{ds} ꝑ peice w^{ch} : wee [thought] too li[t]tle especially seeing they would [*a word or two lost*] peice of the 16 p^{s} Black wee desire to know [whither if. . . .] at any time wee should be proffered about their Cost to take it seeing it will be difficult to keep the months from them.

In our Consultation of the 28th : ult : are ye endeavors wee used to putt off the Broad cloth and we cannot Sell any quantitie at any higher rate then 22 pago^{ds} : ꝑ ½ p^{s} of red Broad cloth for reasons there mentioned, and wee desire your answere wither shall sell at that price or not.

Herewth : goeth Copie of our Consultations diary and Acco^{t} : Cash for last month wth : ye Pursers Accompt of Expences of August & September.

As alsoe Copies of the writeing for the ground in the ffactory let ℔ the Persiam for 99 years Vizt A Copie of wt: was done in July, and another Copie of what wee have at last obtained and have gott secure in our Custody all those Rocas given by the great men at Cort directed to ye Governour & Codgee here to assin the said Persian in his demands of ground in the ffactory Copies 3 papers here remitt yo: to obtaine the ffee simple of his ground we have laboured and endeavord all that Possible could be done wch: they allege is against their law and Custome to lett to any Europeans and if at any time they doe to any Mahometan or Jentue A Native of this towne it is with this Restraint he is bound not to tell it againe though he may pawne the ground and the house for a Certaine terme of years, have not else at present we humbly crave leave to sub[s]cribe Rt: Worpll: &ca: Your most humble servants JAMES WHEELER—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

TO THE RIGHT WORSPLL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT AND GOVERNOR &cA COUNCELL.

Right Worspll Sr: &ca
Just now recd: advices from Madapollam of the unhappy accident ye Lancaster has mett wth: being drove ashoar at Corringo & beleived utterly lost as you will understand by the Inclosed [c]opye of Madapollam Gennerall to us which wee herewith remitt you as allso another supposd from them to you as yourselves and haveing nothing elce at present wee respectfully remayne Right Worspll Sr: &ca Your very humble servants R: FFREEMAN—JAMES WHEELER—TIMOTHY HARRIS.
METCHLEPA: OCT: YE 5TH: 82.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM MEIR CONGE TO YE RT: WOPLL: WM: GUFFORD ESQR: GOVERNOUR DATE 4 DECEMBR: ANNO: 1682.

This & ye following trancelate should have entred next after ye Metchlepm: Letter of the 4th of December 1682.

Your Worpl: hath tradeing now wth: severall Me[r]chts: and I doe take myselfe to one of ye Numbr: haveing put my Confidence unde God in yor: Worpl: it being soe I have fully accquainted Bramyny Vetulap[i]lly wth: all my business who when hee hath discoursced wth: yor: Worpl: about it you will be fully [in]formed thereof for I am willing to comeply for one share as ye rest of your Merchts: have agreed wth: you and will provide 200 Courges of Cloth for ye Monsoon wth: ye allmites assistance soe if you will be pleased to send me a Muster of Cloth and orders to provide the one sheare I shall send it according to Muster Either to Codaloor, or Porto Novo I have sent one of my people named Chetty Ambarunadapilla to discource wth: yor: Worpl: home may it please you to heare, and grant as you shall fitt and to lay yor Worpl: Comands upon me in these parts.

TRANCELATE OF A LRE FROM AHHAMED NINNA TO YE RIGHT WORPLL WM GYFFORD ESQR GOVERNOUR, DATED YE 4TH: OF DECEMBR: ANNO 1682.

By the allmighties assistance I enjoy good health your Worpl sent money higther now to b[u]y Cloth for the honoble: Compa: I will likewise by ye Allmighties assista[n]ce provide all such sortes of goodes as you shall order me from ye honoble: Compa: and I hope by ye same assistance to provide a good quantitie of Cloth, I was told yt your shipps would be despatch towards ye Latter end of febre: next soe if your Worpl should now send me 5000 pad: wth: in 8 dayes tyme I shall provide you more goods then yt money will amount to against you shipps departure, and will recd ye rest afterwards when we make up our accots: and I hope my proceedings in your affaires will make mee better knowne to yor: Worpl: for ye future I being very desireous to be entertained in your Service made me write now to yor: Worpl: and I hope the Allmighty will assist me Accordingly.

The Sortes of Cloth y[t] are procurable here as followeth Viz[t].

Duch Long Cloth.
D° : Sallomporees.
Percallees for Sheets.
Sayle Cloth.
English Long Cloth.
Ditto Sallampores.

Painteings of w[t] sort yo[u] shall Desire Soe you may please to order me w[t] sort of goods you will have me to provide & to lay your further Commands upon me.

To y[e] R[t] : Worp[ll] : W[m] : Gyfford Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r] : &c[a] Councell — Madapollam Octo[br] : 3 : 1682.

R[t] : Worsp[ll] : S[r] : &c[a] :

Just now John ffeild recd a lr̃e from Capt : Rich : Goodlad dated from Corrango bay the coppy whereof we herew[th] : Send you whereby yo[u] will see the unfortunate accident happened to y[e] Lancaster wee thereupon and have likewise dispatched to bengall to advise y[e] R[t] Worp[ll] Agent &c[a] : Councell thereof this being y[e] needfull at Present we respectfully remaine R[t] Worsp[ll] : S[r] &c[a]. Yo[r] most Humble serv[ts] : John ffield—Rich : Brereton—Nath[ll] : Gyfford.

To M[r] James Wheeler &
M[r] Timothy Harris.

S[rs]

Just now wee received a letter from Cap[t] : Richard Goodlad dated the 30[th] : Sept[br] : In Corango Bay wherin he gives us to understan[d] of y[e] unhappy accident of the Ship Lancaster being droven ashore and has lost her Rudder and losened her stern post requesting boates with all s[p]eed to save what they Can of Goods and Riging whereby wee doe suppose the Ship utterly lost haveing noe more but remaine Yo[r] : affectionate freinds John ffield—Rich : Brereton—Nathaniell Gyfford.

M[r] Feild. — Abord the Lancaster ashore 3 miles within Corangee Bay. Sep[br] : 30[th] : 1682.

S[r]

On the 28[th] : of this M° : wee had the sad misfortune to come ashoar in this place where wee used all y[e] means our own co[n]sideration or y[e] assistance from y[e] shore could procure wee have endeavored by lighting of her if posibly so to get her off but all this night y[e] sea returunning high to y[e] Ship strikeing upon the Ground this morning our Rudeder broake away & y[n] y[e] stern Post is flown out aloft soe y[t] wee are forced to veere her within the shoare as near as wee can to save w[t] goods & stores wee can S[r] this being the Misserable Circumstances of our condition I think I cannot doe better than beg yo[ur] advice & derections wth a recom'endation of us to sciper Thomas whome I would have yo[u] thank in my name for his extreame Civilities & great assistance offerd to us if yo[u] think it feasible and advantagious, I could desire yo[u] would send some boates to convey away y[e] rigging & other things belonging to the Ship.

This is all at present from Your unfortunate freind Rich : Goo[d]lad.

To the Right Worpll Wm Gyfford Esqr Agent and Governr : &ca : Councell. Chickaracole ye 18th : 7ber : 1682.

Right Worspll Sr [&]ca Councell.

After my most humble and he[a]rty thanks to your Worship &ca Councell for your Preffering mee to this Imployment I am now to advise you of ye Ship Thomas arrive att Metchlepm : wch : ye 20 last month in ye Evening Mr. Jarden came ashore who delivered mee ye genll : pacquett and inconfo[r]mity thereto ye 23 Sett Sayle for Vizagapatm and ye 27 arrived there in safety ye 30 dispatcht for Bengall.

The 8 Current Sett out for Chickaracole and ye accot : of my proceeding there I humbly reffer you to ye inclosed dyarey trouble I have had in getting Seir Lascarrs Cole.

Accot cash Consultations &ca shall send you at my Arriveall to Vizagapatam I designe to Sett out this evening and shall be forced to make some few dayes stay at Conarrow to gett our Merchants and to make a Contract for long Cloth Ordinary and Sallampores.

Termerick I belve may procure about 60 or 80 Candy at Severall places and several prized 8 : 10 : 11 : 12 Rupes : ℔ Candy wch ; being ye [N]eedfull at Present respectfully remaine Right Worspll Sr : Your very obed St. George Ramsden.

Dispacht ye 21.

Translate of a Cowll granted by the Sarlashcar of Carlinga Country to Mr : G : Ramsden Dated the 13th : September 1682.

A Cowll granted in anno 1682 by ye Sarlashcar of ye : Carlinga County to Mr Ramsden Chiefe for ye English Compa : at Vizagapatnam. Where as you have made me a request, desiering to make a settlement of Trade at Vizagapatnam : and yt you : may be free from paying any customes, or dutys, for wt goods you : shall Import or export by Shipps as well as of land Customes, for the following things Vizt all sortes of Europe goods as well as Vizt : for Coppeer, Tuthenague Tinn Pepper, Buttr : Oyle & the like things & for Cloth also (Grain Excepted) yt : you shall b[u]y or sell for the sd Compa : I have accor[d]ingly taken yor : sd request into Consideration and by virtue of highness the Allampanha his gracious Phyrmands before granted to ye English Nation to have theire goods Costome free in all his domi[ni]ons doe hereby likewise grant you all ye above sd thin[g]s Costome free in emportin[g] and Exporting as well as land Customes and yo may Traide and Mercha[n]dise in all ye Places under my Gover[n]ment yt : is to say from Penta Coata as farr as the called Ganjam but if any other Merchants your Compa me[r]chants excepted should [be] soe farr countenanced or protected by ye English as to suffer ym : to [buy] or sell, or any wise to trade or Merchandise for ym in such case wee may take the custome yt belongeth to the Divan and fine them besides I have granted you licence to Chuse eight head Merchants for to doe the Compa : busines whom you must gett to provide all ye goods &ca and if you should offer to empl[o]y other mercht : under ye name of ye above sd ; 8 head Mercht : to doe you private trade we shall not suffer any such thing but shall Expect satisfaction from you for wt : Custome shall be due to ye Divan fine you besides and if you should a[d]mitt any other Mercht then duth belong to our Country in ye said number of Merchts : is then thouse that are our country Merchts shall be obliged to pay unto the Divan wt they did use to pay annually and to doe all other accustumary dutys as they have done hitherto and if you should bring strange Me[r]chat : to doe yor Comps business then they shall noe wise be obliged to pay anything to the Divan nor to doe any other dutys at all we doe promise you to observe wt is mentioned herein, provided you make a settlement for yor Compa : at Vizagapatnam which if not wee shall wise be obliged to observe ye above w[r]itten qts :

METCHLEP^{A}: THE 12 OCTOBER 1682.

To Y^e RIGHT WORSP^{ll}: W^m. GYFFORD ESQ^R
AGENT & GOVERNOR &C^A: COU[N]CELL.

Right Worp^{ll}: S^r: &c^a

After a tedious pasage of 10 dayes by Contrary winds and strong Currents Robt: ffreeman appointed Chief for this factory arrived on Shipp Loyall Resolution ye 3^d: current and ye same evening Landed and was respectfully reaceivd into ye ffacktory by ye Rest of ye Councell & factors At his arrivall he delivered your generall Packett forwar[d]ed in those that weare for ye other ffactorys and ℘using out wee come now to reply to the same.

The next James Wheeler according to your orders delivered up to ye Cheif ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: Cash being pago^{ds}: 27421 : 2 : 1 as appears by ballance of ye Cash booke wth: all other bookes and papers belonging to this ffactory wch shall be carefully ℘used by him and all former orders and Directions from ye Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^a Councell duly observed.

Wee have advised our freinds at Vizagapatam y^t when they are in want of money to Carry on ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: business upon their advice therof to us they may bee Supplyed.

Wee shall upon every Shipping send an Inventory of all house Moveables plate &c^a Animalls alsoe a Copie book of our diary Consultations and [letters] sent w^{ch}: wee suppose to be sufficient for w^t rec̃d from others factouryes wee doupt not but they are equally obliged to send home Copies of their owne, and then tis need[l]ess from us howesoever if yor wors^p: &c^a will have us doe it you may please to supply us wth: more hands for those few wee have are to [*sic*] few to goe th[r]ough ye business this year.

Wee have Rec̃d on Shore ye treasure &c^a: and sent upon ye Loyall Resolution according to enoice [Invoice] and bill of ladeing She Sailed to finde a Birth on ye other side diue Island to ride out ye monsoone against w^{ch}: time we shall gett what goods possible embayled to lade one board her and shall follow yor ord^{rs} in dispatching both her and others y^t may this yeare touch here The Hono^{ble}: Comp^a: order aboot ye Lancaster is now [*sic*] she being as wee are Informed by some of her men now in Accanas shipp with M^r: Brewster past recovery of her hull butt all or ye Major part belonging to her will be saveed [*sic*].

Wee cannot perswade our Merh^{ts}: to undertake the dyapers or any ℘^{t}: thereof this yeare it being [very] late and a great investment [upon them], fear to come short in y^t besides twould occasion greate altrerations of loomes to make such sorts as is required w^{ch}: would wast too much time & hinder ye goeing forward other goods required therefore wee have advised our freinds a Madapollam & Pettepollee therewth: y^t: they may use their endeavors for ye procuring y^m:

Our freinds at Vizagapatam has not as yett been soe kinde to write to us a line since their goeing hence but wee advised from M^r: Field they are safe there wch employ ye Shipp Thomas to be soe kind likewise y^t: Carryed them & wee suppose her long since dispatched for Bengall The Avaldar of this place Continewes as yett very Civill tho: neaver forgetts any Curtisies hee does, but expects to bee well rewarded hee has invited ye Chief to his House who went wth: ye rest of the Councell on friday Eve[n]ing being the 6th Currant to give him a visett where was entertained wth: a supper in a splendit manner, and Robt: Freeman and James Wheeler h[a]ndsomely Tassharife wee entred into some discourse wth: him about ye Hono^{ble}: Companyes affaires wherein he promises his best assistance & to oppose all Interlop^{rs}: or any others y^t wee owne not and wth: all hinted ye good peeice servis he did by Impeding ye Interloper Wm Alley from tradeding in this place w^{ch}: sayes none liveing Knowes of but him & ye Deceaced Mr Wynn his [meaning] yo^{ur} Worp^s &c^a cannot but apprehend therefore in conformity to your order and [knowing] how absolutely necessry tis to [oblige him] beforehand hearing of some Interlopers in Bengall and ferring [fearing ?] they may be early upon this Coast to help make up their loading wch may be very prejudiciall to our Employers affaieres

wee shall present him w^{th}: y^e: 250 $pago^{ds}$: promised him by M^r: Wynn and an addition of 150 more provided he promisses to doe y^e like peece of service y^s; year If occasion requires, and Expect noe further reward w^{ch}: hope yo^{ur}: Worp &c^a will well approve of and the $Hono^{ble}$: $Comp^a$; have noe Cause to repent of wee shall use our utmost Endeavor and polacie to prevent and defeat all Interlopers y^t may or shall come hither wth out fear of their makeing warr upon y^e Natives who shall have your passes in due time if yo^u please to send them us, for all their vessells great & small and if y^t bee not enough to protect y^m & here be any of y^e $Hono^{ble}$: $Comp^{as}$: Shipps near wee shall follow your orders and require them to seize saied $Interlop^r$: by vertue of Kings Comission Proclimation and the $Comp^{as}$: orders w^{ch}; if the[y] refuse to obey, wee shall protest against them, and send them to you w^{th}: out loading any fine goods upon them unless an absolut necessity w^{ch}: wee suppose is to your meaning Tis a very sickly time in this place both amongst the natives as well as Europians God prepare us all for our Change the Doctor M^r. Isack Dunn is [too] for 3 ffactoryes being mostly taken up by M^r. ffield the Chirurgery Chest is at his disposall to distribute as [o]ccasion requires and his sallary shall be paid him conformable w^{th}: your orders not doubting his deserts thereof M^r. Throughton Continues still at Madapollam who wee hear is ℘fectly recovered therefore wee have sent [our order] for him to come hither wch hope [will be complyed] w^{th}: if not wee shall desire M^r. Willcox in his roome.

Wee cannot but take notice of yo^{ur}: $Wors^{ps}$: &c^a: great care of our healths and humbly returne you our best thanks for yo^{ur}: good advice w^{ch}: has been hitherto and shall be carefully observed by us, this place haveing been very fatall to many of our predecessors fear now Breeds care in us.

Wee advised our freinds at Madapollam of the 10,000 pag^{ds}: sent upon ye Resolution for their ffactory w^{ch}: they respond to, shall be sent for soe soon as M^r. Field returnes from Corangoe, who has taken ye Major ℘^{t}: of their peons w^{th}: him to assist Capt: Goodlad in save in w^t: posible M^r. Wheeler has ready taken charge of y^e Bookes and Robt: Freeman promises his best Assistance in sorting y^e cloth.

Wee come now to answere youres of the 26 past month w^{ch}: came to our hands y^e 8th: Instant ordering to send a Right $acco^t$: to Bengall of w^t: Tannage wee have contracted this year w^{ch}: Shall bee complyed w^{th}: by first opertunity that presents Seeing the Lancos[ter mis]carryed by whome wee sent y^e Said $acco^t$ of Tonnage.

Wee Shall endeavor to perswade our merchants to build Sheds for y^e keeping their browne cloth in before its measured and if cannot possibly prevaile shall doe what is necessary therein.

Wee will doe our utmost to procure the ould house & ground over against y^e ffactory on reasonable tea[r]mes & then build such goedownes and Coveniencies thereon as wee absolutely stand in need of.

Wee hear [nothing] farther of Accana, only of some troubles in Gulcondah, w^{ch}: hope may devert his designe this way but if he should come here or neer this place wee will visit him and present him in w^{ch}: we shall be as frugall as possible, but wee humbly conceive y^e summ y^o $Wors^p$: &c^a: hath limitted us to, will hardly be accepted by soe great and considerable a statesman, who with his brother Maddana governeth y^t: Court and may if hee pleaseth much obstruct us in this years large Investment.

Wee shall use our endeavours to procure his Rocca and letters [to] y^e Ceir[l]askar of Gingerlee if our freinds at Madapollam should not have done it before, and if Accana cometh hither first wee shall advise M^r ffield & Councell w^t: wee have done therein.

On y^e: Examination of M^r. Mallerys servant if wee find it jusly [*sic*] due shall pay him y^e 11 pag^{ds}: he sayeth his master owed him. M^r. Noden bring in an $comp^t$ of pa. 31 : fa. 2 : ca. 2 : M^r. Mallary is endebted to him and preffers his oath to it only 15 dayes diat drinke for his wife must be deducted y^e vallua $\bar{c}$on of which is left to Doctor Heath Field.

Haveing answered the needfull to all ꝑticulars in yo^{ur} : two last Gennrall wee humbly take leave to subscribe, R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : Yo^{r}: most oblid : h : serv^{ts}.

Robt : ffreeman—James Wheeler—Timo : Harris.

Pettipolee y^{e} 21 Oct^{br}: 1682.

To the Right Worp̃ William Gyfford Esqr.
Agent & Govern^{r} : of Fort S^{t} : George &c^{a} : Councell.

Right Worp S^{r} : &c^{a}:

O^{r} : Last unto yor : worp^{ll} & was ye 2^{d} instant with the Consultations and severall other papers enclosed, wee hope are arriv'd safe to yor: hands.

Since w^{ch} : wee have one ye 6 ditto rec̃d yours the 26 past ꝑ Qualla Vencatadre whom yo^{u} are pleased to appoynt the Hono^{ble} : Compa^{s} cheife dubasse in this ffactorye.

And one the 7 detto came to hand : yo^{rs} : dated ye 16 but endorsed ye 21 past forwarded to us by M^{r} : Robert Freeman Cheife &c^{a} : Councell at Metchlep^{m} : By the Peons with Vencatadrie we rec̃d the Pago^{d} 25,000 & have credited acco^{t} curr^{t} : Fort S^{t} : George for them and charges according to the Invoice sent us.

And by the computation of ye import of ye goods sent you in o^{r} : last yor : worp : &c^{a} will see what shall at present have noe occasion of a further supply unlesse ye Merch^{ts} : will bring in more Cloth then contracted for w^{ch} : they will neither oblige nor promise to doe if their mindes alter & they doe send in more you shall have no notice of it.

The Gold Chaines & yards 30½ of scarlett wee have alsoe received & devided amongst the X head Merch^{ts} : as directed but they have not workd in them y^{t} good Effect yor worp^{s} &c^{a} : imagined for with all ye Arguem^{ts} : wee used or could devise seconded with all prevaileing rhetorick ye dubasse had in severall meetings & Consulltations since ye receyit of yor letters &c^{a} wee have not been able reduce them to more then 3 ꝑc^{t} : abatem^{t} : & shall that conditionally upon an advance of 10,000 Pagodos more to them and some sortes Excepted as yor : Worp̃^{ll} : &c^{a} will perceive more fully in the Enclosed consultation [*one line destroyed*] had to [bring] them to it but that is not to bee valued if thereby wee can promote o^{r} Hono^{ble} : employers interest & o^{r} Endeavours bee accepted by them & in good earnest wee durst not presse ye merc^{ts} any further for feare of spoyleing the hole Investment and bee disappoynted of ye greatest part of ye Cloth wee find them soe absolutely bent to abate noe more & if not accepted they were more readie to fling up all then to proceed some of them protesting that they should bee loosers by this Investment w^{ch} : made us embrace it hopeing you will approve of what wee have done.

The under merch^{ts}: are very much dissatisfied that they are debarrd of their tashariffes w^{ch}: are allowed in other factories and the more since they are to make a greater abatem^{t}: w^{ch}: wee leave to yor: Worp̃: &c^{a}: consideration.

Wee have not soe much as a rumour of Accanas Comeing into these parts but if hee should: wee shall visit them & be as frugall in a present to him as wee can, in conformity to yor: order.

Wee observe the prize of Europe Goods at yor place & from Metchlep^{m} : wee have theirs but in both wee find noe rates for Parpetuanoes wch bee [pleased] to advise us for at Metchlep^{m} : they doe not sell any & here the merch^{ts} : scruple much the takeing of them for neither they nor Norwich Stuffs are vendible in the Country nor makeing apparell with them but Europeans & only Cloth & Cloth Rashes properest for these parts.

Wee are now in some hopes to have some better accomodations for ye present though the best are bad Enough both for ye Hono^{ble} : Comp^{s} : goods & o^{r} selves for M^{r} : Wales hath partly a promise for ye Sarsamutts Chouldtry for himselfe & family at 5 Pagodas ꝑ Month & S. Le hath ye promise of another Moores Choultry & 2 good boarded Godownes at Pagodas 5 ꝑ Month soe if these promises bee

performed wee shall [be] some thing better settled J. G. hath alreadie appartmt : for himselfe at Moores house wee have sheltred or selves hitherto by ye private [connivalue] of the Cheife at Metchlepm : at the request of Samll; Wales.

Wee must offer unto yor worpll; &ca a further inconveniency that will attend the settlemt; of a factorie at Corea wch; upon Enquiry wee finde to be this that when the great raines fall wch is usually the time ye Callicoes are brought in, the ffreshes comeing downe occasions great rivers thereabouts wer wch: there are noe Boates appointed for passage soe that both Goods & passengers must stay untill they fall againe wch; many times happens to bee fifteen, twenty or thirty dayes what an Evill that will bee for ye Goods to lye upon the vay soe long & in such a conjuncture of time yor : worp &ca : cannot bee ignorant of soe that wee hope all things considered you will resolve upon settleing heire and ye Speedie rebuilding of the House &ca :

Wee shall make all the hast can bee imagined for imbaleing of ye Goods when they come from Curing & after sorted for wee have daily at worke 5 Packers for prepa[r]ing bale heads & when ye shipps arrive that shall bee consigned hither from Metchlepm : noe time shall bee lost in sending what Goods wee have in readienesse of to them neither shall wee detaine them in ye least in expectation of more as it is now yor; pleasure wch : wee shall punktually observe and in reagard there are noe Country boates here wee desire you to give derections to the Chefe at [Met]chlepm : that upon or request they will provide and send us boates from thence and by every shippe that wee load Goods upon wee shall not faile of sending your Worp &ca Invoyces of ye Same.

Wee Shall Endeavor to gett readie Copies [of or] Consultations letters recd & sent to ye End of Decemr time enough to bee sent for england by the Shippes.

And wee observe what particula[r]s directions you give us about packing of ye Cloth wch; wee must say will lye very heavie upon us neither doe wee knowe howe wee shall bee able to comply with all unlesse you will please to send us more help for whn they at Metchlepm : had more then 20 hands & not much more In[v]ested then is now here all those particulars weare not done nor required then what can 3 hands doe wee shall not dispute but doe or uttmost for ye service of or honoble; employers and if all be not done, doe hope wee shall not bee blamed wee have contrived a marke wch; wee herewith send for yor : worp &ca : approvall supposeing it comprehends all ye latter parts of yor directions to bee put one ye outside of ye bale wch : wee belive more convenient & easier then writting though the Braminash and those under him will find it teadious & dificult enough not being versd in it as those in others factories wherefore from them wee must expect but little help.

Wee shall when all ye goods are dispatchd make up a fardle of ye musters of all ye Cloth wee send home with ye directions you devote the best wee can forward them to you but wee cannot expresse the name of each Mercht since they bring in ye Cloth joynetly & not severally. From Metchlepm : they write that they cannot provide ye 2000 peices of diapers mentioned in there list & therefore write to us to procure them, had wee had ye order at first it is very probable wee might have done something in it but now these Merchts will not engage neither them nor any other sortes but say in Generall tearmes if they can [gett deapers Dimities] or other sortes they will endeavor it, but first will comply with their contract.

Wee cannot omitt to acquaint yor Worps &ca that since or comeing here are arrived above 500 painters & daily more flocking hither soe that here may be provided against next year all sorts of Chints & Chay goods if ye Honoble : Compa: require any & it will enable us to make the more considerable Investments.

Wee herewith send yor Worp &ca ye Stewards accot of last months expences amounting to Pagos 506: 31: 2 whose perticulars are Entred in[Con]sultations booke.

Wee have alreadie mentioned in or Consultation booke & unto yor Worp &ca yt this Governour did expect a present for ye King and himeselfe & since by severall messages hath intimated to us the same wherefore be pleased to take it into

consideration & give us directions what to doe therein for wee are jealous that unlesse something bee speedily done it there will be some stop to Hono^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires very prejudiciall therefore & they have allredy begunn to offer offronts to ye people that bring in ye C[l]oth wch have complayned of but can have noe remede although promised which being wat at present wee have to advise wee respectfully subscribe, Right Worp^{ll} S^{r}: &c^{a} Yo^{r} most humble Servants, SAM WALES—SLOUGHTER [LEE.]—JON: GODDARD.

P: S: Right Worp^{ll} S^{r}: &c^{a}

Just upon the Sealing of this came in o^{r} Peons who brought yor Gen^{ll} of ye 12 instant to whose contents wee shall reply ℘ next S. W.
S. L.
J. G.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM THE CHEIFE DABASS COLLA: YANCATADRY FROM PETTIPOLEE TO Y^{E} R^{T}. WORP^{LL} W^{M} GUFFORD ESQ^{R} GOVERNOUR DATED Y^{E} 20TH OC^{T} 1682.

Your: Worp^{ll} hath delivered me some money, Scarlett, and Gould Chaines, and ordered me to goe to Pettipolle wch I did accordingly, and have all[r]eady delvered ye money &c^{a} things that I brought from thence to Mr Wales.

As Concerning ye abatement your Worp tolde mee that ye Merch^{ts}: here did at first promise to abate 5 ℘ cent and since they will not comply wth: their promise yor: Worp ordered me to Come hither to see w^{t}: I could doe Concerning ye Abatem^{t}: wth ye Merch^{ts}: & whereas I Eate your bread I have prevaled wth: ye Merch^{ts} as much as I Could possibly for 8 dayes togeather and at last: I made a shift to perswade them to make some abatem^{t} of w^{ch}: Mr Wales &c^{a} Councill have given your Worp an acco^{t} ye Gould Chaines & ye Scarlet are already disposed of to ye Merch^{ts}: according to yor Worp^{e} order your Worp^{l}: may please to understand that I [have] been an old servant on [w] home may it please yor Worp^{l}: to keepe yor Love.

MADAPOLL^{M}: 19 OCTO. 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^{LL} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
AGENT & GOVER^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

R^{t} Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have rec̄d y^{e} [*lacuna*] of ye 26: 7^{br} mentioning a chest of Treasure W: K: C^{t} 10,000 pagodes w^{ch}: we shall in a few dayes send for being advised tis safe on shore in Metchlep^{m}: but we haveing noe present occasion for it and ye Hono^{ble}: Comp [peons] seem at Present employed for ye most part abroad we shall not Increase ye Charge of entertaining any more for this acco^{t} but lest ye Chest be some time there till o^{r} P[e]ons return, or some urgent occasion for it besides we find our Marchants to be very backward In takeing [ei]ther silver [or goods] soe long as they know we have [Pagodes].

We observe what you enorder Concer[n]ing Accana & those ab^{t} him In case they should come hither but we fear as many thousands as you order hundred will but little enough to Content him being a person of soe great quallity & the head Governour of this place haveing last year rec̄d [near] upon 300 pagod^{s}: w^{ch}: yet we experiment is not sattisfactory we must be forced to make additions both to him and others, which we humbly offer as o^{r} opinion however our endeavors shall not be wanting nor shall we exceed the bounds you limite us except a further latitude from yor Selves.

Our last Informed you ye sad occasion of John feilds Jorney to Corrango, where he fou[n]d ye shipp Irrecoverably lost with ground mast Anchors and most

of her gunns but noe goods nor money of the Honble: Company In her wherfore we shall Charge noe more of his expence then barely his going down and bringing up ye souldery that they mite not furt[h]er trouble ye house scipper Thomas a Dutch man who by ye Almightyes providence was there at that time otherwise we fear there had been nothing saved the men begining to mutiny and about shearing the owners & Capt Stack & had not John field been there to bring it up wth him we fear there would have been some danger before it arrived here his absence has been noe detriment to y^e^ [Honble :] Comp^a^ what Cloth In readyness being embayled wherein M^r^: Gufford as well since as before John feilds departure was Contineually Imployed In sorting an[d] shall soe Contineue according to ye order the Cloath brought in by ye March^ts^ is Viz^t^.

	Pses.
Long cloath ordinary	5289
Ditto fine	2740
Salampores ordinary	4555
Ditto fine	8504
Ginghams	3050
Percullaes	196
Izzaree	293
	24627

Whereof is Cured and Embaled Viz^t^:

	Peeces.
Long cloath Ordinary	4260
Ditto fine	2120
Sallampores fine	6750
Ginghams	1725
makeing bales 309	14855

soe that we are In pretty good forwardness for ye Resolution or any other ship as shall first arrive, here is a greate dele more Cloth ready in ye Country w^ch^: hath been stopt some days but is now ordered to be realeased & ye good part thereof we expect in ye ffactory tomorrow which shall immediately be put to the Washers.

We have met w^th^: much trouble from the Gover of ye Country who wear dissatisfied In there ℘ sents last year given them and are resolved to have them Increased as they find we augment buisness wch we are forct to Comply w^th^: otherwise ye hon^ble^: Comp^a^: buisness Could not goe forward to obreviate this we send you a Copp[y] of o^r^ Consultation of ye 12 current w^ch^: will give you a further sattisfaction & we hope what we have done will pre[v]ent any further Stopages togeather w^th^ : w^t^ must bee given to ye head Govnr^r^ of Ellore [*lacuna*] Harsan Beaug, when he arrives or to his brother In law when he demands it and alsoe to other Petty Gover^rs^ as us[u]all are not a little troubled to see the ℘sents arise soe high though not much more then usuall, the presents given the last yeare we now find not to be well maniged the Gov[e]rn^r^: of Dasheeroon to be put off and nothing Given him as gove[r]n^r^: of that place w^ch^: he was resolved to loose no longer but to have what his predecessor Kistopha had, it may be said that ye govern^r^: of Ellores present is much greater then formerly w^ch^: we are very sencible of but his quallity as well as gover[n]ment must be Considered, nor can it be expected that he will abate any thing of what given him last year notwithstanding what presented to those other Govern^r^: In ye Country since it will be demanded from him by Maddona we heartly wish we be not forced to make an addition but to what is already sent & what is yet to be given to him & others but we Intreat you to beleve we shall give noe more then what we are forced to.

Some day past arrived severall of the Lancasters men and made there application to ye ffactory for victualls and lodging, till such time as they could gett on bord ye english shipps or there passage for the ffort & Considering how apt ye Governe^r^: are to catch at any to force ℘sents for they may be apt to ramble ye Country & plunder for sustainance they are forlorn men and In a strange Country & if they should doe any mischeff & ye Govero^r^ Come upon us for all sattisfaction,

makeiug what demands they shall think good of ye two evils we have Chuse ye least in our opinions by ye entertaineing them In ye ffactory & giveing them victualls, keeping the accot thereof apart till we rec[e]ave ye: further orders therin.

Wee have begun to examine Pinde Corde Anch'a[s] acct: wherein wee find to deny some things wch: Jno: ffield doth well remember was once agread to and ye maine bewisness he runns upon is ye Governor Imprisoning him & forecing mony from him to the summ of 150 ℘ godos dureing the time that he was out of the Honble: Compas: protection paying a Junkan to ye Gover of Nassapore to ye breech of ye Kings formaun Given us & contrary to ye then Agts: Express order as alsoe the Cheife and Councell here being told that ye paying of that brought the other trouble upon him, he now affirms that ye Dubass forced him to it wch: have given him a moth: time to prove & In the Interim, we sent to ye present governr of Nassapore who was cheife Brameny to the then governor wth out whom he acted nothing to know the truth of it who utterly denyed it a coppy of or lettr: to him & his originall to us In Answer we herewth send you: we shall give you a further accot when ye month is expired.

We herewth: send you or Consultation Dyary and accot of cash wth: Nathll: Gyffords accot: of expences for ye month of September and respectfully remaine, Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca: Your very Humble Servants JOHN FFIELD—RICH: BRERETON—NATHLL: GYFFORD.

VIZAGAPATAM YE 11 OCTOBR: 1682.

TO YE RIGHT WORSPLL WM GUFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVR &CA: COUNCELL

Right Worspll Sr: &ca:

Wee are now respectively come to answaire your Generall of ye 14: of August which should not have deferred ye responding two soe long had George Ramsden sooner arrived from Chicharacole [wch was] on ye 2 Instant who in his Perticuler Lre to your Worship and Councell of ye 21 last month wth an inclosed Dyarey &ca wch gave you a ℘ticuler accot of his procedings there.

Wee have according to your orders procured musters out of the Buzarr of long Cloth ordinary sallampores and 40 Covett Bateelaes ye latter for a tryall ye Musters are of Exstraudnary good lengths and breaths and very good of there sorts haveing Contracted to this day wth 7 Merchts: for long cloth sallampores and 100 pẽs: Beetelaes to the Amount of three thowsand five hundred ninety three Pagod: Long Cloth Browne at 26 pa ℘ corge sallampores do; at 11½ podo and Beeteelaes 30 pagds: ℘ corge the lateness of ye season and the greate interruption wee mett wth: occasioned by ye Dutch at Bimlipatam is ye reason of ye Deareness of the Cloth this yeare they haveing Used there Utmost endeavours by there lrs and ℘sents to severall Governours in these ℘ts: where there is any Probabillity of our tradeing to put a stop to there Marchants that are under there Govermt: to have nothing of Trade wth: us not soe much as to sell us one peece of Cloth for if they did ys: Certainly then there trade would be ruined Notwithstanding all ye interruptions wee have mett with occasioned by them yet wee are in greate hopes of makeing our investment this yeare about six thousand Pagds: and ye next yeare if God Spare us wth: life doe not doubt but to make and Investment 50,000 pagds: and ye Cloth Considerably Cheaper if wee have but time Enough allowd us for ye Provision thereof.

Your Worship and Councell were pleased to order [us] to Use our Endeavours to gett our Merchts: to bring in there goods and then to pay them there money wch: finding noe Probabillity of and little or noe goods ready made wee tooke it into consideration and finding nothing to be done wth out money in hand, and finding them responsable ℘sons wee were fforced to Comply and pay them there money according to Contract.

Wee have used our utmost Endeavours wth Merchts: to take of some Europe Commoditys wch find but lit[t]le Probabillity of Broad Cloth scarlett &ca: Cloths

being very little used in these Parts the only Commodity Vendible here is Copper & Pepper Allom and Brimstone & small quantity lead bears a good price. 20 & 25 Pagds ꝑ Candy but noe Mercht: Suffered to b[u]y it ye Seire Lascarr only because of ye warrs wth Rajaes but now for some small tyme have bin at peace haveing gott Severall of them in his fort.

You are also pleasd in a Clause of your Gennerall to order us as our Cloth comes in to sort it inbale it and send it to Metchlepatam by boath and to put it in Warehouses there and Invoyceing doe humbly conceive will bee very Expensive and not halfe Soe Secure the Madapollam and Metchlepa: boats haveing noe decks to secure ym from ye rayne therefore if your Worship and Councell think Convenient wee can proquere a small ship at Madepollam that will carry all ye goods at once for ye ffort.

You are allso pleased in ye same Cla[u]se to order our reperation to Mectchlepatam by ye n[ext] Decembr: as fardest but in consideration of ye liberty the Seire Lascarr [hase granted] us by his Cole wch: is farr g[r]eater then ever was granted to the Duch notwithstanding they have bin settled in these pts for these 20 years wch: is a very greate heart burning to them therefore wee doe humbly Concive 'tw[i]ll bee very Conveniant yt yor worship and Councell be pleased to order that one of us remaine for if wee are both taken away 'twill occasion a great susspesion in ye Seir Lascarr that wee have left the place and besides the story the Dutch will raise on such an oppertunity that may bee hereafter wee may loose those libertys now granted us something to that Purpose being intumated in ye Cole.

Your Worship and Counsells orders shall be duely obeservd as to ye keepeing yor bookes Wee have allsoe made inquirey into what Comoditys procureable in these parts according to your orders wch: are vizt. Long Cloth Sallampores Beeteelaes severall sorts but very short and narrow most short of Grayne Butter Oyle and Turmarick.

Wee are mighty sorry the information given your worpll and Councell of ye cheapness of Cloth in these parts should prove quiett Contrayry to your expectations assureing you nither Dilligence or trouble have bine wanting on our parts for ye promoteing our Honoble: Employers Interest either as to our Investments as to ye Cheipness of ye Cloth or ffrugallity in our Expences As to ye intent of our Honoble : Employer settling in these parts is Cheifly to prove wt ye Interloper Who as yett being none Arrived on this Coast as wee Can here of have sent abroad severell Peons [to make] Enquirey wch: if any should arrive doe not in ye least question but to putt a stopp to ye buisness by means of ye Seire Lascarr and as for any Correspondency wth: them doe Deeme it a peece of trechery to be unfaithfull to our Employers when soe [*lacuna in the original*] Possitive an Order to ye Contrary.

The Kings Proclamation concerning Interlopers &ca : Printed Rules and orders are according to order hung round our [dining] roome wch: God knows is scarce bigg Enough to hould them.

Wee have mett wth : a very good Duebash aboute 35 years of Age inhabitant of Madapollam a ꝑson very fitting for ye Employment understanding ye affairs of those Parts mighty well haveing bine here severall tymes before upon buisness.

Wee desire your orders concerning ye 6 pogds paid the 6 rash boots at ye fort, whethere wee must [give] ye Fort creditt for it or noe haveing stopt it out of there Waiges.

The Coole the Seire Lascarr hase given Georg Ramesden Specifes ye libertyes granted Us throughout the Carlingae Countrey Coppy of wch was sent you from Chickeracole.

The 2 Connicopleys you were pleasd to send us from ye Fort have according to order Money given for there Expencis and hereafter as they behave themselves shall give your Worship and Councell an accot of ye one of wch being not fitting for ye employment Condae by Name wee are forced to keepe a Breaminy to write our letters and keep ye accot ye same day George Ramesden departed Chickaracole the Seire Lascarr made Priminagee our greate freind Governour of this place soe yt saged Tayer hase nothing to doe with this Towne notwithstanding must be

forced to make a Journey on a few days more to Cassin Coate and make him a small ℘sent of 40 or 50 pagods: because a great deale of our Cloth comes through his Countrey and may bee very Troblesome to us in case it is not Complyed with hee being a very powerfull ℘son.

Ffrom our first arrivall to ye 6 Curret: wee tooke up our habitations at a moores house who was forc'd to disaccommodate himselfe to Oblige Us Soe yt wee gave him 3 yd Broad cloth and 4 Pagods: in Ready money hee haveing been mighty Obleidging to us wee are now removed into ye peece of ground given us by the Seire Lascarr wch haveing an ould house standing upon it and much out of repaire wee have by much adoe fitted it soe that twill make a shift for ye ℘sent untill your Worship and Councell enorder ye building of a ffactory ye Seire Lascarr being mighty urgent for it to be don out of hand.

Wee were forced to enorder ye building of a large Godowne at Connarrow by reason most part of our Cloath will be brought in there wch: cannot bee avoyded this Yeare Accot: Cash Consultations and Pursers accot: Currt: for ye Month Septembre send you inclosed as allso an accot of ye Present to ye Seire Lascarr &ca, Mr Jardin hase bin Exstraudnary ill of a feaver and agwe and now praised be to God upon his recovery which being what offers at present Respectfully Remain, Rt: Worpll: Sr: &ca: Your very obedient servants George Ramsden—Clement Du Jardin.

Translate of a Letter from Brameny Nagogee Pontuloo from Kishnaguiry Durgum to ye Rt. Worpll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr Governour Dated ye: 24th: Octobr: 1682.

After I tooke my leave of yor Worsip I safely arrived a[t] Tindevanam where I went & visited the Cheife Avoldar haveing discorsed wth him Concerning Building A factory a[t] Conimeer to wch: hee tould mee yt he would be very well satisfied and w[r]ite a letter to ye Sobdor Vittulapelly and sent his people along wth: mee ye sd Sobador Whome I went to visit and he tould me yt he will punctually observe in comeplying wth: us according to the contents of ye Cowle granted us by this Exencellency [His Excellency] Harja Rija and gave me betle and sent me away from hence I came to terunamala from whence his excellency Harga Raga wass Gon to a place called Kishnaguiry which is neare a citty Called Caverypatnam some People belonging to yor Worspll: hath wrote to Gopall Pontuloo ye news of my comeing heather from chinapatam whereof Gopall Pontuloo had told Harge Raja yt ye Capt More of Chinapatnam sent his hig [*sic*] to his exellency who would arrive the same day, yt: I arrived here & I haveing enquird how ye affaires went at court and I was told yt one named Coneree Bawbawgee did bring a accot: yt Gopall Pontuloo did wrong ye Divan to ye amot: of to 20 or 30 thousand pagods: his exellency Hargee Raja delevered the sd accusar into ye custody of Gopall Pontuloo unto home [*sic*] his exellency doth intend suddenly to give Tashrifs and send him downe againe it being soe I havin Considered If I should to his Exelency Harje Raja wth: out taken notis of Gopall Pontulo he will use his utmost Endeawors to Spoyle our business and therefore thought fitt to give goe and visite wee haveing long aquainted togeather whereupon wee ware togeather in private and he tould me yt hee doth speak in reallytie and noe untruth at all of wt: is past and the following wordes he spake before mee and Peone Yancatadere yt in ye first place he borrowed of one Called Calasapa Naiudo Pa. 1700 to pay ye Dorbar Charges to accomplish our business, and he is not as yett sattisfied for yt summe of money, ye Dutch at Tennaptanam and Porto Novo, Paying Custome at 2 and ½ pe[r] cent and that he being soe much freind to ye English he endeavored his utmost and Prevailed wth: ye Divan, yt ye english shall pay 1 ℘ cent & ¾ ℘ ct at Codoloor and at Conimer but 1 ℘ ct: and at Porta Nova 2½ Pagods: ℘ cent, and soe gott it ordered to pay at every Place, and yt he had writt to his Exellency Harja Raja in this manner and procured his answar conserning the same and that he did ye English all this servis wch: others could not soe Easselly have obtained it being soe that yor worsp: writt yt he recd bribes from

y Dutch and yt he demanded money by force and other the like Complaints ye wch: lettr he did show to his exellency Ha[r]ja Raja and after he had herd it read & considered upon it would not send your Worsp: any answare thereto so I w[r]ite to him saying yt if ye English should hinder any one of theire shipps yt they would soe Right themselves therein and did write something more to this efect upon which spoke some freindly words to him and toald him yt I would endeavor to procure & perpetuall freindshipp betwne your Worsp: and him and I went to visit Ha[r]ja Raja by his means unto [home] I presended [presented ?] ye scarlett the prospective [glas ... and] Pulves and ye Tobacoe when he say ye Prospective glas he returnd it to me againe saying yt I should send it back to your Worsp desiring you to send him a good one he hath got yor Worsp letter Read, after wch he told me yt Gopall Pontuloo did act nothing of his one accord neither did he did anything wth out his leave and why did yor worsp: write such Complaints against him at wch: I told him some freindly words saying yt there was noe Differance betwene his Exellency & yor worsp: and whereas yor worsp have ordered in your Instructions yt for ye preservation of yor frindship with ye Divan and for Encereasing of ye Port I should precure a grant for building A Factory by the river side and in ye Interim for our people to remaine in Serecawns house for ye present and to farme the towne of Codaloor and for Coyning money I being discorsing Concerning these things he maide me answer yt as touching ye Coyning money and farmeing the towne it could not be gra[n]ted for the Dutch to obtaine leave to build house at portanovo they have expended greates sumes of money and have had much troble and why did the Dutch governour spend soe mutch money for a house and a small bulwoke of a yard bignes at that our peopel did at first very earnestly desire Gopall Pontulloo to grant leave to build a factory by the river side which he would not consent to and that I being a good man and came hither about it he would now grante us le[ave] to build a factory by the River side and in the interim he would grante our people leave to abide at [Serecaunes Hows] and procure us leave to build a factory att Conimer and would give us leave. A place to build upon at Porto Novo and would besides obtaine us a cowle from his highnes Shemboge Maha R[a]ga and would doe for us any other buisiness we shall Desire but wee must give him 2000 pagod to wch I replied yt If he should gett grante as yor worsp desiers it will increase ye Port and bring much profit to himselfe, and if should already spoake about money yt it would not come to effect I haveing allsoe spoken many things to this purpose and have not delayed tyme I doe still Intend to discowrce wth him as much as I possibly Can Concerning our business & if see Convenient to stay hear a little longer I will stay and shall not write to yor Worsp but waite upon you myselfe soe sone as I have leave to come away they would have now ye former 17000 pagods: and 2000 pagods more saying if we give soe much money they would give us place to build upon and house to live in ye meane time Concerning wch: may it please yor Worsp to order me for they say will permitt us 4 small gunns I have herewith sent the prospective glass yor Worsp for which may it please your Worsp: to send a good one soe soone as possibly you Can.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM YE HONBLE COMPS MERCHANTS AT MADOPOLLAM TO YE RT: WORPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR. AGENT & GOVERNOUR OCTOBR: 17TH 1682.

Your Worp hath been pleased [to honor us with the] Rocca ye contents of which we have observed & rejoyced therewith yor Worsp: was pleased to write that we get great profits by trading with the Honoble: Compa: whereas they are much advantaged by us for they get not soe much of any of there Merchts: at other places yor Worp writt us in that maner onely to make us doe our buisiness with feare & care & yor Worp is sensible we doe not get such greate profitt as yor Worp mentions as concerneing ye length & breadth of ye Goods since we provide greate quantitys there will be some longer and broader & some a small matter lese & some fall

exactly right wherefore we doe annually alow for ye shortness of our goods since yor Wors^{p}: enordered us concerneing the length & breadth of ye goods wee have given a strickt charge ye weavers about it and shall still doe ye same we put our hole trust upon ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & your Wor̃p and live under yor Command since we hope you will speak to doe us good wee hole lay ourselvs under yor protection Intreateing yor: Wor̃p to keepe your Love towards us our people hear doe not use to lett Cloth be embaled without for[c]eing to see how it Agrees with ye Musters wee are paid 3 prises for the goods they take of us and they doe not take all that Comes for ye best, by re[a]son of ye Settlements you have maide at Pettipolee & Vizagap^{a}: we doe now b[u]y goods very deare, since we have promised we shall endeavor all we can to comply therewith & hope yor Worp^{ll} will doe us good for the future.

To the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll} Wm Gyfford Esqr
Ag^{t} & Govern^{r} &c^{a} Councell.

R^{t} Worsp^{ll} S^{r} &c^{a}:

The 23 curre^{t}: at night we rec̃d y^{rs}: of ye 12 d^{o}: and for ye 5000 pagodes of goods to be delvered the marchants we did long since & often proffer to deliver them some in p^{t} soe they cannot pretend the loss of oppertunety we have now delvered y^{m}: ye following ℘ticulars to be accounted for on this years Investment Viz^{t}:

Pad.	Pagods:	fa:	Ca:
Broad cloth 90 :½ pses at 23 : ℘ half peece	2070	0	0
Cloth rashes 15½ ps at 18	270	0	0
Searges 10½ at 13⅓	135	0	0
Perpetuã: 21½ at 9¾	204	27	0
Allom 15 Candy at 17¾ ℘ Candy	266	9	0
Brimstone 12 at 12½ ℘ Candy	150	0	0
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Quicksilver 19 : 15 at 218 : 14 ℘ Candy	211	17	1
Lead Candy 70 at 10 :½	735	0	0
Copper Candy 15 at 64	960	0	0
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only they request to send them up into ye Country In our names as has formerly ben pract[i]sed In Met[c]hlepatam to Clear them from ye Gover^{rs} unreasionable demands which wee have promised to doe for Encouragement it being ye first time they ever tooke of any Europe goods they are hardly perswaded to take of any serges or Perpetuances but we have forced some upon them.

What we writ you was ye Answer the merchants made as to Increasing ye Investment which wee estemed our duty to acquaint you wth: but for what they have allready contracted for they know what followes a non Complyance w^{ch}: is 25 ℘ Cent to be paid besides the principall and [w^{ch}. . well] know we will require [from] them and they have often told us of it Saying that makes them Cautious how they promis neither doe they want to be urged to a timely bringing In there cloth and well cureing it as alsoe to have it well made both as to lengths & breadths finess of thred & well struck they now promising to make abatement this year as be in past remedy there weavers haveing deceaved them & next year to Comply better yor letter to them we have delivered to w^{ch}: they herewith return yor Answer.

Oor desire to have Complainers Chastized was only If they could not prove what they alleged there by to prevent others from troubling yor Wors^{p} &c^{a} wth : ye like fals storyes but that they should not at all Complaine never entred our thoughts And we must confess would be hard measure & for ye Merch^{ts}: ye liberty yo^{u} now grant Is a great encouragment to us, to prossecute ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: affaires wth vigoure we are sorry w^{t}: we writ hath given you occation to be displeased but we begg your pardon & shall be more Cautious for ye future.

We have not washers enough here for Cureing ye Cloth, but they doe yearly encrease & we doe understand make use of ye Dutch washers to assist, the Duch winking at it but yet our Cloth is to much for them to doe, we shall take care to gett what washers more we can against next year, pack up what Cloth washed abroad by itself as near as we can & use our Endeavors to find out ye true lengths & see it packd without being Changed Rich Brereton or Mr Willcox alwayes being the latter seeing all the brown Cloth measured & is likewise overlooked often by us.

We shall follow ye orders to Mr Davis sallary & as for his other acc^{ts}: we Shall Inspect Into them & advise you by ye next we shall not have much Europe good left after the marchants have thers w^{ch}: is now weighing out & packing up what is we shall [endeavore] to advance ye price, upon ye scale goods you will see we have put a greater price then you have done wch is beca[u]se our Candy here is 20th more then yours.

The Govero^{r} of Ellore ꝑsisting his orders to Stop the Hono^{ble} Comp^{s}: goods it was ordered that Mr Gyfford repaired to him togeather with ye Dubass and last night they returned back bringing his orders to realeas all ye hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: goods but has deferred recd his private ꝑsents aloted him Intending In a few days to Visit the factory when he arrives we shall be as frugall as possible Latchinas garden wth: much Intreatyes to ye Gove^{r} we have procured to be restored him by a writeing under his hand & Seal.

You are pleas to advise us you have sent us 2 ream of paper but upon opening thereof we found but one ream & ½ we request ye advise what we are to creddit you for ye same as alsoe for drinking glasses recd from Mr Vincent Sayon Cheife Late & Councell at Me[c]hlepatam.

We have not forthor to add Worthy ye notice but respectfully remaine, R^{t}: Worsp^{ll} S^{r}: &c^{a} Your Most humble Serv^{ts}:—JOHN FIELD—RICH BRERETON—NATH: GUFFORD.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY HIGIB VIRA RIGAVIA FROM GOLCONDA TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORP^{LL}: W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R} GOVER^{R}: DATED OCT^{BR}: 27: 1682.

I Recd ye letter yor wors^{p}: sent me & observed the [. . .] of your wors^{p}: sent a Letter for Brameny Accana, haveing likewise ordered mee to acquaint him with our business Concerning w^{ch}: I discorsed Bramenys Veelegandala Yancawna & Somowgee Pantoloo of w^{ch}: past concerning it from ye begining and Intending to Deliver yor: worp^{s} letter to accana ye 2 above S^{d} persones advised me if I should doe it y^{t} it would be a meanes to stur him up against us saying y^{t} they think y^{t} letter would not sattisfie him, because that here Came lately a letter Padola Lingapa, Concer[n]ing ye Same business wherein he writt many things against us, and therefore it would be better to keep ye Letter untill such time y^{t} he sends for me about ye business, and then I may deliver ye s^{d} lett and aquaint him as I see convenient, seing they advised me soe I have not as yett delivered him ye s^{d} letter I doe suppose hee will suddenly send for me, and then I shall deliver ye s^{d} letter and accquaint yor Wors^{p} : of what passes about it w^{t} Podolo Lingapa writt hether, against us is as followeth that only ye English will not adhear to w^{t}: he saith, and y^{t} our towne did produce great sumes of money werefore ye Divan should keep one of there people there, and y^{t} ye English will not Consent to w^{t} he would have them doe, as he doth to the peopel under his Goverment, doing them all ye unjustice immaginable, his designe being to have ye English as much under his command as the rest of his Country People y^{t} made him write all this Complaint against us all the greate men here being our freinds, they doe in our behalfe perswade ye Divan not to take soe much notice of those things, Lingapa wrote, and therefore Brameny Accana doth not take soe much notice Moreover Lingapa did write as If your Wors^{p} did much offend ye Divan, saying that you made yourselfe a freind to a straing Country People a thing wch ye English weaver did before and that he would Endevour to Gett from ye English some 60

or 70 thousand Pag^{ds} : for ye Divan keeping one of their People at Chinapatnam and to doe as at pollicatt and y^{t} soe soone as he makes an end wth : Misors People, y^{t} he disignes to begin wth us and writt many other things to this purpose, and whereas he wrote hither that the English have made themselves freinds wth : other strange Country People, Brameny Accana is mightyly trobled thereat and besides seing that your Worp^{l} hath made new settlements in other Ports, you did not accquaint ye Divan thereof and took noe notice of them, he is very much Displeased, Brameny Lingapa is one [w]home wee Cannot trust for he always gives fare wordes but he is inwardly Continually a Contriving mischeif I suppose yor Wors^{p} : hath heard of his dispos[i]tion all these things ye Great men heare told mee and that he wrot hither a great many more things against us, I have discoarsed wth : ye greatmen here what I thought convenient, and have made myself a freind to Brameny Lingap[ah's] higib here and am wating here at ye Divan, and shall still accquaint ye Wors^{p} w^{t} : passes here I did allways use to have a Cople of People by me to send advise, when any Extrordinary business happneth seing I have none I was forced once or twice to hier Cooles to send to Metchlepatam my Wages Is not soe much as to afford hireing of Cooles whearefore may it please yor Wors^{p} : to allow me a Copple of Pattamers as it hath ben Customary, and, to lay yor Wors^{p} further Commands upon mee.

Here Arrived this day news from Podala Li[n]gapa, y^{t} he hath A great fort Called Chicknaike Hallee belonging to ye Misors People and a greate deale of Country belonging thereto w^{ch} : is all at present.

TRANSLATE OF A COWLE GRANTED BY AVOLDAR OF TINDEVANAM AMBOGEE PONTULO TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORP^{LL} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} GOVERNOUR DATED Y^{E} 6 NOBR : ANNO : 1682.

A Cowle ye 6 November Anno 1682 Given by the Avoldar of Tindevanam Ambougee Harry to ye Governour that resides at Chinapatnam the Contents are as ffolloweth.

His Excellency Harja Raja, hoth given you a Cowle concerning your affaires wherein is mentioned y^{t} you may freely make yor settlem^{ts} : in w^{t} : soever Ports there are In his Country and to Increace them wherefore I doe in ye like manner give you this Coule & assurance for to Increace ye towne of Conimeer and y^{t} you may have noe manner of Hinderance in yor business and besides this I shall moreover asist you in observing Punctually all w^{t} soever priveledges his Highness Shembogee Maha Raja shall grant you I doe likewise grant you As many Boatmen as yo^{u} shall need to furnish 10 boats for Importing, and Exporting, Your Goods out of ye Townes y^{t} are under Conimeer Wee shall not send for them about our Divans Business, and when wee should have accation for them, wee shall accquaint you therewith and shall not take them away by force and if it should happen [at any] time that they shall Committ any falte you [may] Examine ye Same and Punnish them according to there desart and wee shall noe ways Concerne ourselves therein As Concerning Jongcan wee shall not obl[i]ge you to open your Goods to shew to any one wee Shall observe according to w^{t} his Exc[e]llency Harja Raja hath Agreed wth : you and shall Receive Custome for w^{t} goods you Import & exporte according to yor Bookes of Acco^{ts} : and ye Acco^{ts} : y^{t} : yor Merch^{ts} : shall Give us for ye goods you shall exporte for our Country one board of your Shipps and for what you Importe from them into our Country wee Shall only receive Custome for them as shall be mentioned in yor booke of acco^{ts} ; after ye rate as his Exellency Ha[r]ja Raja hath Appoynted you to pay as for w^{tt} : Goods you importe and exporte to and from ye Shipps you shall give us the totall amount and acco^{t} : thereof according to yor bookes and yo^{u} ought not to Conceale from [u]s ye Divans Custome wee shall furnish yo^{u} with as many Cooles Oxen and other men as you shall have Occation for wee have given you Place to build howses upon to keep yor goode[s] &c^{a} in 100 English yards In length and 80 In breadth as farr as A ffier worke will goe distant from ye River Side and upon that Ground you

may build as you Please for ye Conve[n]iency of keeping your goods but you are not to make any fortifiecations Soe we doe grante yo^{u} this Cowle yo^{u} may Increace ye Towne of Conimeer paying Custome for your goods above mentoned and to remaine with A Contended [*sic*] heart.

CONIMERO NOV^{BR}: Y^{E} 7TH: 1682.

TO Y^{E} RIGHT WORP^{LL} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
AGENT GOVRO^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCELL
IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our long silence wee belive may create something of a Jealousie that wee have been remiss & neglectfull in not giveing yor: Worsp^{s}: &c^{a} : an acco^{t} of our arrivall & affaires here but when you shall have perused w^{t} wee have to say wee shall presume to be soe bould to think you will hardly proced soe far as censure or blame us for those things w^{ch}: really necessity & other circumsta[n]ces have imposed upon us.

Wee arrived at this place ye 29th ult^{o}: being Sunday morning but in our way was something surprized when wee were met by two Conimero Merch^{ts}: who acquainted us that Ambogee Pontulo was not come down but stil remaind at his usuall place of residence for wee were informed both at Maracanum about 12 miles to ye Northward of Conimero & in our Journey that he would assuredly meet us here however wee sent some of our people up to him to acquaint him of our comeing but it was Munday night about eleven a clock ere wee rec̃d an answer wch was that he was prepareing & would set out on Tuesday Morning but on Wednesday wee had news that his wife was sick & that he could not come out & leave her in that condition soe soon but did promise to come one the morrow this did something alarm us soe wee sent Teagana [with . . .] to him representing his engagements to ye Govern^{r} &c^{a}: at ye Fort the latenesse of ye year ye great charge wee Lay at and ye grate shifts & hardships wee were put to because of ye violent rains but Teagna on Thersday morning met him soe according as wee had ordered him deliverd not ye lr̃e but said he was sent to meet him thes day it rained exceeding hard as it did all ye week before that a great river w^{ch}: he was to passe over being swelled soe high & ye Current soe strong he would not adventure over it til ye waters were something fallen w^{ch}: being on Saturday over he came but went to a Choultrey about a league of & soe remained there til Sunday morning for he would not come on Saturday pretending it was noe good Day but after long looking for Sunday morning brought him to us wth: a great train of Peons & Talliars with him he exp[r]essed abundance of joy to see us has granted us a Cowl after wee had pretty well warmed him with discourse about ye mighty advantage the English trade would bring to ye Divans our bringing money into his Country & carrying nothing but Cloth out ye poor naked condition wee found this place in & how much ye place would be increased by our settlement as likewise telling him what honour & credit he would receive from his masters for bringing such a rich & proffitable trade into there Countrey w^{ch}: pleased him soe well y^{t} he conseded to almost everything wee [could in reason] ask wee find him now to be very affable tho at first he appeard very cautious & reserved and truly wee have great hopes of him that his actions will quadrate with promises wee herewith send you the Cowl he hath granted us.

As soon as ever wee arrived wee sent a dispatch away for Viboge Chitte & the other Codalour Merch^{ts}: but yesterday rec̃d a lazy excuse that they could not come yet because the waters were high wee are informed that they are the Dutch Merch^{ts}.

Chinna Tombe to whome M^{r}: Freeman gave out ye Pago^{d} 500: is now with us he promises very fair & sayes he will engage to bring in 200 Corge of long Cloth & 50 Corge of Succurtams wee cannot as yet wholly trust him til wee are bettur Informed what he is but to us he appears to be a man very Stirring & active.

Wee have according to order presented Amb[o]gee Pontulo with these following things vizt.

3½ yards Scarlet
2 looking glasses
some Nutmegs cloves & Mace
some sandall

4 sword blads because wee intend 12 for ye Sobidar himself soe could not give 6 to this man because wee had but 16 in all consined to us as ℘ the Invoice sent with us w^ch^: forementioned present he very kindly accepted of.

As yet wee have but 12 Merch^ts^: come to us tho wee have a promise frome Ambogee to send y^m^ & all other ℘sons & necessarys that wee shall require to Come to us.

Wee humbly request that the boat must be sent to us as soon as possible & that you would be pleased to send us some Palmiros [t]here being none here ready cut to build us a house for wee have been miserably put to our shifts for a being our Tent stood us in some stead til the wind & ye rain grew to strong for us & then wee were faint to leave that and retrive ourselves to a small Mosquit but that proved soe unsavory a Sanctuary that wee were not able to stay above one night in it for ye noisome damps & Smells that came from ye dead bodies that were buried there had almost choaked us from thence in the wind & raine wee were forced to seek for new quarters as at last wee faint for to drive into an old Jentue house w^ch^: proved too leaky to afford us a good Shelter & this has been our manner of liveing since wee came hither our Tent within a day or two according to our promise wee must return to ye Fort wch makes us a little the more bould to imp[o]rtune your Charity & beg ye loan of ye Fort Tent for ye Present.

Wee cannot in every ℘ticlar now answer the R^t^: Wors^p^: Agent &c^a^ Gen^ll^: to us because wee have not all our Merch^ts^: come to us yet when they come wch wee expect hourly wee Shall immediatly fall to constitute them a Comp^a^: according to order & soe consequently to finish our Contract as directed.

The place wee have pitched upon for a hous[e] is the most convenient wee could find in these parts being seated upon a rising ground by the sea side with water sufficient all about us for washing and Curing our Cloth & is in length 100 & in breadth 80 yards.

Wee are in great want for paper therefore humbly desire you would please to lett us have a speedy supply.

When wee presented Ambrogee Pontulo he rec̃d it very kindly as before noted but told Teagna that hee hoped wee would farther consider him & that for the present he desired noe more, for he said ye assistance and ye good services he would doe for us in forwarding our businesse should speak in his behalf.

Thus wee have clearly & ℘ticular[l]y given an acco^t^ of our actions since our arrivall here w^ch^: wee hope and beg may be Candidly read for ye contineued raines and Ambogee Pontulos not coming to us & soe consequently noe Merch^t^: was ye reason why wee detarded our adveces being unwilling to write til something materiall offered and that wee might give your Worp^ll^: &c^a^ some good prospect of affaires soe this being ye needfull at present wee respectfully remain, R^t^ Worp^ll^: &c^a^ Your most humble servants—John Willcox—Rich^d^: Milton—Ralph: Ord.

Metchleptam Y^e^ Ultim^o^ O^cbr^ [1682].

To the Right Worsp^ll^ W^m^: Gufford Esqr.
Agent & Governour &c^a^ Councell.

Right Worsp^ll^ S^r^: &c^a^.

The 12 Currant wee wrote you ye needfull since w^ch^: wee have not rec̃d: any from y^[o]^ but are in dayly Expatation. Yesterday our Merchants brought their Saile Cloth to sorting wch proves much worse then that of last years Occasioned as

they say from soe great a quantety as is required and other our Neighbours ffactoryes provideing of ye same and in ye Same places makes ye weavours not Value their agreements for if one refuses the others are ready to take it Striveing Soe much as they can to mischeife one another wee have demanded an abateme[n]t proportionable to the difference w^ch^: they declare they cannot allow of nor abate anything, Cloth being much dearer this year then heretofore, therefore wee have thought fitt to lay it a Side for ye present ttill we have your Wors^p^: &c^a^: orders how wee Shall dispose of it and goe uppon ye sorting of other goods wch have wee some Cause to fear will prove bad in their kinde but wee Shall be soe dilligent as possible for our Hono^ble^: Employers advantage and strive what in us leys to make an Abatement proportionable to ye Difference of ye Cloth wee have sent you our last years muster of Saile Cloth and an other peece of what is brought in this year, that you may see ye difference & give us your Opinion thereof and positive [*A few words lost*] may act therin, the season being late will not allow of long disputes wch is naturall and endless wth these Country people.

Wee cannot but recomend to your Considerã our want of assistance in this ffactory M^r^: Harris & Mr Throughton being much indisposed to health and thereby made incapable M^r^: Wilcox is in the like Condition at Madapoll^m^: therefore noe Expectation of him hither this year, our business, is too weighty to begon through wth by two hands and Compleated in time as it ought to bee.

The Avaldar of this place expects a Publique Entertainment at the ffactory and a piscash for his Master and Selfe wee thought to have satisfied his Expectation by A private one to him but that he refuses by wch wee fear he will prove troblesome if his avaricous temper be not in some measure gratified therefore wee recommend to your Worsp^s^ &c^a^ Consideration the urgency of Continuing him our freind fearing Some Interlopers from the Bay may be speedily upon this Coast wch will prove very prejuditiall to your Hono^ble^: Masters and yo^u^ cannot Expect wee can impeed their tradeing wth Out his assistance therefore pray give us your speedy and possitive order what to doe, least by del[a]y wee incur his displeasure wch will fly in abuses in a few dayes we shall send y^o^ Copies of our Consultations dyray and Acco^t^ of Cash in the interim lett this suffice from R^t^ Wors^p^: S^r^: &c^a^—Your humble servants R: FFREEMAN—[JAMES] WHEELLER.

S^rs^: Please to returne the
muster and 2 peices to
ID R. FF.
J. W.

PETTIPOLLEE NOVEMB^R^ [Y^E^: 7TH. 1682]

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^ll^ WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^: COUNCELL.

Right Worsp^ll^: Sir &c^a^

By our of ye 21 Octob^r^: wee sent a full acco^t^ of our proce[e]dings & Transactions w^th^ : the Merchants here in reference to ye 3 ℘ C^t^ abatement w^ch^: wee hope has meett your approvall, Since when there has been nothing more done for our reason in Said lere: save our intimation thereof to our Dubash who upo[n] his enquiry and private Notice to them advises that it is impossible to enduce them to more then what is already affected Viz^tt^ 3 ℘ Cent as in our Last Consultations sent and doe hope yo^u^ will impute nothing of Tardiness to us in not pressing them further for this yeare haveing before rec̃d of your last Cosid w^th^: them upon the said Termes and advisd you reasons for soe doeing w^ch^: wee hope may be well accepted off by your Wor̃p &c^a^ Councell.

Wee Shall insist no further on business att present this being intended Cheifly to advise your Wor̃p &c^a^ the Death of our ffrei[n]d Mr Sloughter Lee who departed this life yesterday Morning between 8 a[n]d 9 of ye Clock haveing lain Sick of a feavor 11 or 12 days God Almighty prepare us all.

Wee Sent att ye Beginning of his Sickness for ye Doctor of the Resolution [*A few words lost*] look after him he being near hand Mr Dun whom you have

appointed for these ffactorys being att Madap[o]llam who administred whatsoever he thought might Contribute to his releife, but being much trobled in Mind for former losses and afflictions could obtaine no sleep the want whereof with his feaver putt a period to his life, Wee Shall tomorrow make Sale of what he has an Inventory whereof wee have taken there being some of the Shipps people ashoare and wee hope yor Worsp &c^{a} : will admitt a Small tomb to be built over him he being buried in a Vacant place foremerly belonging to ye Dutch for such occasions and near a Dutch Childs Tomb of 39 Years Erection which is ye onely remark upon the place.

Wee humbly request your Wors^{p} : &c^{a} : will please to Send us some assistance espetially for Carrying on the Books & writeing it being late in ye Year and Cloth will now Come in dayly from ye Washers & thereby enc[r]ease our business upon us which hitherto has been very heave being unsettled in a new place and no more help.

By our next w^{ch} : shall follow in a few dayes shall send our Consultations &c^{a} & Most Respextfully remaine, Rt : Worp Sir &c^{a} Yo^{r} : Very humble Serva^{ts} : Sam Wales—Jo : Goddard.

Translate of A Letter from our Higib Nogogee Ponttulo to the R^{T} : Worsp^{LL} : W^{M} : Gyfford Esq^{R} : Govrnour. noe date.

I have now sent Bheemaraw, and Yancatudery to y^{r} Worp^{e} may Please to understand from them w^{t} they Shall acquaint yo^{u} by worde of mouth, and when you have Considered about it, you may Please to order me as you Shall think Convenient w^{ch} : I shall pun[c]tually observe yor Wors^{p} : will understand further by Harja Rajas Letter, w^{ch} : I send you here wth wherefore may it Please yor Wors^{p} to send me an answer as soone as possible may bee.

Translate of A Letter from the Cheife of Sobador Harja Raja from Kishnagury to ye R^{t} Worp^{LL} : W^{M} Gufford Esq^{R} Governour. noe date.

I enjoy good health and hope to heare the like from your worp^{ll} by y^{e} letter wch I rec̃d from your Worp : and by what Nagoge Pontalo hath accquainted me of your desire I am fully Informed yor Worp^{e} : writs mee seing y^{t} I have granted you a Cowle, and y^{t} thereupon yo$_{u}$ sent youre people to make a settlement of trade at Codaloor y^{t} Gopall Punditt did threattne y^{e} Country Merchants y^{t} they should not Come to treate wth ; your people and hindred your business from proseding and that Gopall [*A few words lost*] much dishonour y^{e} Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : and y^{t} if I should send another [Servt] in his place y^{t} many Merch^{t} : would come to ye Sea Port and would Inchrease it, and yor worp^{ll} : wrote me more at large to this purpose, it is very true y^{t} I doe Hartiely Rejoyce to have such Grea[t] people as yo^{u} are to settle In our Country, whereby it will doubtless much Redown'd to ye Divans interest as to w^{t} : yor Wors^{p} : wrote me y^{t} Gopall Punditt did not behave himselfe wth yor people as hee ought to doe and if I should send another he would behave himself better, to wch I answer, y^{t} Gopall Punditt is not a person neuely Entertained In Employment, but hath been an ansient serv^{t} : to our Divan and one that is very faithfull to his highness Shombogee Raja, and he is one y^{t} is very well accquainted wth all ye Seaports Business, and one y^{t} knows how to behave himselfe wth : all people, and a faithfull servant to his master, and a worthy Persone, wherefore all ye seaports business, and ye Country in these parts are Com̃itted to his Charge. I suppose by Reasone y^{t} some busy People, haveing raysed false reports not being Accquainted wth : his good behaviour w^{ch} : Causeth yor Worp^{e} : to writte me soe much Against him your Wors^{p} : being a very worthy persone, Since s^{d} Gopall Punditt did Come hither to me, I spoke to him very much Concerning your Wors^{p} wherefore may it please yor worp^{e} to order your People to doe as he shall Advise them in there trade and Merchantdise

endeavouring to Encrease ye Port yt It may Redound to ye Divans Intrest I Refer yor Worpe: further to wt Nagoge Pontulo shall acquaint you your worsp being a very understanding Persone, I omitt Enlarging any further Aboutt It.

CONIMERO NOVEMBR: YE: 11E: 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORSPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVERNOR ETCA: COUNCELL
IN FORT ST GEORGE.

Right Worspll: Sr: etca;

Our last to you was dated ye 7th instant since wch: we have been exceding pressing wth: our Merchts [to get] them into a Company and as often put by them wth: some frivolous excuse or other but now through our great importunity & many argument wee have allmost brought them to a conclusion & we beleeve Munday will finish this affair & then we shall speedily fall to our Contract & give your Worsp; etca; a ꝑticular accot: of our transactions.

Wee gave yor worsp: etca: an accot; of Chinna Tombee in our last since wch: we have made a demand of him for ye pagds: 5000 [*sic*] he recd of Mr ffreeman but he instead of payment putts us off with a strange kinde of a story how yt Mr ffreeman gave him this mony as upon his owne acct as an earnest for ye provision of long cloth sucatums & Ne[c]k cloths to ye amount of pagods 4000 allso that the agreemt: was made at Porto Nova with all secrecy and that accordingly this mony was deliverd but to ye weavers & how Could he bring it in without we delive[r]d him more but Rch: Milton affirmes he was present at comparing ye Musters of Long Cloth at Corololour that ye Price agreed upon [*A few words lost*] and all waie understood it to be for ye Compas acct a Consultation being made for the payment of said 500 ps: wch: is all he knows or can say to it we answered that if he would bring in the Cloth he was to provide for Mr ffreeman and at ye same rates & give us good security we would let him have more mony but this he denyed with severall excuses, but ye truth is wee b[e]leeve there is noe body will stand for him wee seeing that noe arguments or fair means could bring him to an accommodation & knowing not well how otherwise to proceed in this business set a guard of peons upon him which he resented soe hainously and twas such a staine to his reputation as being a Mercht: to be Confind soe near home, that he im̄ediately appealed from us to ye Fort & said he would declare his story before ye Rt: Worpll ye Governor; &ca Councel there & we in reality Knowing not wt: to doe wth him, nor wch; way to gett ye Mony, have granted his request & given yor Worsp etaca ye troble to examine this business he comes herewith, with 4 Peons for his guard he is a man of much talke & by multiplying of words will make his story seem something plausible, but being well observed and follow'd will discover much of Knavery and contradiction.

Wee beg your worsp̃ etca to send us the boat as soon as possible for necessity begins to grow upon us and our paper all gone we shall not englarge any more at present only crave leave to conclude these remaining, Rt: Worspll Sr etca., Your most humble ser[a]vants JOHN WILLCOX—RICH: MILTON—[RALPH]ORD.

Wee herewith return to your Worp &ca Chinna Tombe's bill ye Pagods: 500.

J.W.
R.M.
R.O.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR HIGIB VIRA RIGAVIA FROM GOLOONDAH TO YE RT WORSP WM GUFFORD ESQR.

NOE DATE.

The 18 past his Lordpe: Madana sent for me, and spoke to mee that he did Intend to Marry his son Mallapa, in ye Month of Novembr: for wch: purpose he had occation for some Gold P [*lacuna in the original*] of good worke and yt he would pay for ye Same, and here cannot be any procured, of Good worke and fitt

for such a Person as he is, and yt he haith altread[y] Employed Goldsmiths to worke In[G]ots, & other Gould & Silver ware, to ye weight of 12 Maunds of fine Gold, and 20 Maunds of silver and ordered mee to writte to your Worpe: to Send him one veece Weight of ye best worke Gould Cheins you Can procure, Saying that he had Certane Imformation yt there are such to be had there and yt he would pay ye Cost, besides you will very much Oblige him, as if you had done him a great Kindness, and yt he doth not desire it gratis & yt I should write to yor Worsp to procure them wthout faile to wch: I answared him yt I would accquaint yor Worpe; wth: it and if there be any Procureable yt your Worpe: would doub[t]les send them him, and he replyed me againe saying that he knows for Certaine yt they are to be had and therefore yt I should write to Yor Worpe wth: all expedition, this is wt past here I have heard ye Reason wherefore Brameny Madano dsies yu to have ye Chaines by our meanes is it seames yt Madana [desired ye] Dutch to doe some thing for him wch they have not done, & hereing yt there was some to be had at Chinapatnam yt made him order me to write to yor Worpe: about it.

It would not be well for us to accept mony of him for then People will say yt your worpl: Sent him gold Chaines but Recd mony for them, they are resolved to pay you for them soe yor worpe: may please to Consider about it and to write a Lre: to Brameny Madana Concerning it as you shall think Convenient I writ yor Worpe: wt past here soe you may please to lay yor Commands upon mee.

METCHLEPATAM YE 8TH: NOBR: 1682.

TO YE RIGHT WORSPLL: WM GUFFORD ESQR
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &CA COUNCELL.

Right Worspll Sr: &ca:

Our last to you was of the [*lacuna*] Ultmo: past month since wch wee have not reced any from you, tho: are in daly hopes and Expectation thereof.

Yesterday wee recd a letter from you[r] Egibb importing little worth notice accompa: wth: another for his Worsp wch: he desires may met wth: a quick dispatch and have now sent it.

Wee herewth send you Copie of our Consultations dyary and accot: Cash for last Month wth: the purcers Accot: of Expences our Cloth is now comeing in a place and in ye Generallity [bad] eneogh but shall take good care to sort it accordingly ye business of writeing in this ffactory is much behinde hand left soe by Seacretary Goddard many of last years letters not entred nor any of ye Consultations or letters begun yett for England havein[g noe] more hands in this ffactory, to write, but Francis Betts Mr: Harris and Mr: Throughton being sick and Mr: Willcox sick at Madapollam, soe that wth: out more help tis impossible to Compleat all the Business of this ffactory in due time.

A few dayes since Came to this towne your Cheife dubash of Pettepllee, who waited upon the Governour before he came to ye ffactory, wth: a present of a looking glass and 3 yards Scarlett pretending he had an action of defamation to be tryed before him some people here Endeavoring to take away his good name and Cast, and since you have not allowed him his place in this ffactory againe, he is resolved to prejudice it soe much as he can, and has been tampring wth: our washers, and boatemen to intice them to Pettepollee wth: large promises that they shall live well free from trouble and have greater pay then here but wee hope to defeat him in his designes.

The Governour of this place hath impatiently waited for an Invitation to ye ffactory as he hath signyfied by severall mesages to us but wee not haveing liberty to answere his expectaitions the Cheif went last night to give him a visett at his house, where encountred him in a good humor he talked often he must come to dri[n]ke a dish of coffie wth: us at ye ffactory, a reply to which was wee were now full of busines and our house full of goods not haveing a place fitt to entertaine him in therefore desired him to forbare till our heat of business was over an[d] then he might be wellcome his answere to that was he understood our meaning, but we must not deny him the liberty of Comeing when he thought

good, therefore bid us expect him in a short time being Customary for the Governour to entertaine every new Cheif and every new Cheif to entertaine him he allsoe hinted the business of the Interloper Capt: Alley and enquired if he were come out againe this yeare wee told him not nor any other that wee knew of but if there should wee hoped he would not allow them any trade in this place to wch : he replyed we Knew him well enough and that he understood his busines but we doe not esteme of him accordingly nor take notice of any Kindness done us, and a great deale more this like discourse, after wch we thought good to give him ye offer againe privately of 400 pa: assuring him twas only to himselfe, and yt it should never be discovered provided he would be our freind and assist us in the Honoble: Compa: business and oppose any Interloper that possibly might come wch he promised and tooke ye money but Sayes must remember Master and him too ere it be long.

The Honoble: Compa: business being to great for the goedowne rome in this ffactory wee have according to your order bought ye ould house & ground over against it At pagods: 100 Mr [*A few words lost*] former Bill of Sale who must give up that and a new one for the peaceable enjoyment thereof after wch wee shall erect such a substantiall goedowne thereon as many [may] be fitt for ye use intended and Calling not more to minde worth notice wee humbly take leave and Remaine, Right Worspll: Sr &ca Your humble: & obedient servts: R: FFREEMAN—JAMES WHEELER—TIMOTHY HARRIS.

MADAPLLM NVEMBE: 9th 1682.

TO YE RIGHT WORSPLL: WM: GYFFORD ESQR.
AGENT AND GOVERR. &CA COUNCELL.

Rt Worspll. Sr. &ca.

Our last to you was of ye 28 Ultimo since when we have had news ye Govenr: of Ellores approaching towards this & ye Govenor: of Metchlepatam Intentions to encounter him at Narsapore wch: we fear would proved very Chargeable to ye Honoble: Compa and greate hinderance to theire Concerns for as cases now stand, they Vallue not ye Goverr of Metchlepatam, especially wt: pretences they make to gett mony & he would soon have seen our dependency upon Narsapore under his juri[s]diction boath as to ye River some of our Merchants and some of our Washers would live in that place but God be [thanked, . . .] and Diverted, the govenr: of Ellore being returned, our buisness goes well on without any hinderance or Molestation soe that we hope to Conclude our busines in good time, wch: as Soon as finished and we receve ye orders, we shall begin ye next years Investment hopeing thereby much Increase it ye next year.

We herewith send you our Dyaryes Consultations & acct: of Cash for last month wth: our accot currt: ffort St George to ye fine of September as alsoe Nath Gyfford acct of Expences by ye loss of Shipp Lancaster ye people belonging to her repairing hither the Charge of ye ffactory is much Increased we wait ye orders what to doe herein not dareing to discharge those men before hand for fere of pilligeng the Country for provision & thereby bringing further Mischeife upon us we have not further worthy ye notice be respectfully remaine, Rt. Worpll: Sr: &ca: Your most humble servants JOHN FIELD—RICH: BRERETON—NATH: GUFFORD.

We have to this day recd from ye Merchants Viz.

Long cloth orde:	12000
Do fine	4000
Salampores orde:	8000
Do: fine	10000
Perculles	1000
Ginghams	6000
Izzarees	800
Total	41800

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		Pses		Bales
Long Cloth ord^{e}...	... ...	7080	In	236
Salampores fine ...	... ...	6750	In	45
Long Cloth fine ...	... ...	2960	In	74
Ginghams	... ...	3100	In	124
	Pses ...	19890	Bales	479

ID JOHN FFIELD.
RICH : BRERETON.
NATH : GYFFORD.

TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORSP^{LL} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
AGENT & GOVENNOUR &C^{A} COUNCELL
IN FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

R^{t} Worp^{ll} S^{r} : ec^{a}

Our last accompany'd Chiña Tómbe to ye Fort both wch we hope are arrived there since which business has extreamly enc[r]eased upon us in so much y^{t} we have not had time nor has our business being transacted with a ℘cell of cross graind fellows unacquainted with ye rules and methods of dealing with our Merch^{t} tho otherwise as wee are informed mony'd men ℘mitted us to give your wor̃sp etc^{a} : a ℘ticular acco^{t} of affairs here at present tho in a day or two we are in hopes to doe it we being just now drawing up our Contractes with them the most materiall wee write to your worp^{e} etc^{a} about is that you would be pleased speedily to supply us with Pag^{ds} 15000 our occasions requiring noe lesse a sum̃, the mony that we brought from ye Fort with us being all delivered out to provide Cloth according to ye Maddrass Must^{rs} : with an abatement of 4 ℘ Cent upon ye present prices there.

Wee are in great want for ye rest of ye Maddras musters those we brought from ye Fort being not of all the sorts of Cloth we cannot enlarge any farther at ℘sent our Merch^{ts} : being now all about us but only now time to expresse ourselves. Right Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} etc^{a} Your most humble servants JOHN WILLCOX — RICH^{D} MILTON—RALPH ORD.

CONIMERO 9^{BR} : 21 : 1682.

CONIMERO NOVEMBER THE 27^{E} : 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORP^{LL} W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
AGENT GOURNOUR ECC^{A} COUNCELL
IN FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Right worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : etc^{a}

On the 21 instan[t] we gave yor wors̃p etc^{a} : to understand our want of Pag^{ds} : 15000 which we hope is now on ye way otherwise twill be a great disappointment to us and did likewise promise to give a ℘ticular acc^{t} : of our businesse and our Contract wth : our Merch^{ts} : which we shall now proceed to discourse upon.

In ours of ye 11th : instant we gave some prospect of makeing our Merch^{ts} : a joynt Company & did verely beleeve Munday would have concluded this businesse, but upon opening the Coralour Musters they having none good of their owne, they were extravagan[t]ly high in your prices and unwilling to provid[e] such Cloth, but did of themslves voluntarily make and offer of an abatement upon the Maddrass Muster w^{ch} : we seeing ye difficulty of providing those of Coralour tooke hold of and asked them what they would allow they answer'd us one ℘ Cent we told them we expected an abatement of 8 ℘ Cent and that they might very well afford it but instead of complying or meeting us halfe way they pla[i]nly told us that they could allow noe more than ye one ℘ Cent which they first profferd w^{ch} : we told them was soe unreasonable that twas not fit for them to speake or us to heer but nothing woud prevail tho wee stack very close to them with many arguments & good

words in the afternoon we sent Teagana to y^m to see what he could doe and about 5 brought us woord that they were come to 6 and did belleeve if we pressed it home they would come to 7 ⅌ Cent, we imediately sent for them, and were at them againe for the 8 ⅌ Cent which they refused but at once told us that they would come to 6 ⅌ Cent wee were not content with this but being pretty hard upon them they at last come to 7 ⅌ Cent as Teagana told us upon which closed with them and they haveing [*A few words lost*] Madrass prices desired leave of us to goe & examine ye Musters by the prices w^{ch}: wee did about an hour after they returned to us & said they could not afford us Cloth at those rates and that our Musters were better then those at Maddrass and whey [*sic*] should they loose by us, but now came out ye occasion of our fears & Jealousies they tould us they meant by the 7 ⅌ Cent ye abatement upon ye old prices before M^r: Master tooke off ye 6 ⅌ Cent we seemed much started tho twas we feared before at such their wild discourses & asked them w^t they took us to be and that our res[o]lutions were near to be baffled or overreached at such a rate for in effect we tould them this was noe more than the one ⅌ Cent they profferd before and why would they amuse us with such noisy propositions but neither with good words nor arguments, nor with threats which we were faine to come to at last could we prevail with them to comply with us Wee waited all Wednesday morning least they should impose upon our necessitys we resolved to send Perimall Chitte, one of ye Conimero Merchant[s] y^t was formerly at ye Fort privately up into ye Country to b[u]y Cloth and to send it to us w^{ch}: he did one fryday to a considerable quantity Wee likewise sent one Passaram̃a Pilla up into ye Country to bring soone weavors downe to us w^{ch}: he did one fryday and they brought some Mustres along with them vizt Long Cloth Sallampores & 40 Coveds Beatteallas but ye two former being browne we only discoursed them about ye betelas which we Contracted with them for at last at fa :4 ⅌ peece which will come out at about 29 Pa^d: ⅌ Corge and to bring them in, in 2 m^o: 10 days time comencing from ye 18 instant and now our plotts began to take effect [*A few words lost*] seeing Cloth come into us in quantitys began to consider w^{th}: themselves what was best to be done and then we had notice they tore a joynt writing they had signed not to come to an agreement with us but upon ye Same termes they formerly offerd w^{ch}: we liked very well, yet all kep[t] away from us only on Saturday Jerra Chitte & Paupia came to us and profferd 2 ⅌ Cent upon ye present Maddrass prices, we told them they knew what we demanded and why did they come with such small proposit[i]ons for we assured them we could not take it, we advised them to consider of it a little better wch they did and about an houer after told us that they would agree to abate 3 ⅌ Cent this we likewise tould them was too little & we could not agree upon those termes & soe bid them consider of it better, they seeing us soe pressing and hard upon them came at last w^{th}: much adoe to promise us 4 ⅌Cent we were Still at y^m: for more but this they Said was their last resolution & if we would consent they would Contract otherwise they would be gone we could not with all our ⅌swasions and arguments bring them any farther tho we discourst them & kept y^m: til 2 a clock in ye morning, wee Seeing there could be nothing more done with them, were forced to comply beeing led with hopes that this would bring the rest of ye Merchants to ure [*sic*] termes and soe wee Contracted w^{th}: y^m: to ye Value of Pag^{ds}: 7000.

Our strikeing up with Jerra Chette & Paupia made ye rest of ye Merchants looke about them a littele, for we had notice that they were willing to come to some reasonable composition with us upon which tho twas Sunday we sent for them and had some discourses w^{th}: them but they sending of Jerra Chitte & Paupia & they not comeing gave them some Jealoussies as it did us that they were unwilling to joyne w^{th}: them upon w^{ch}: the $Merch^{ts}$: said they could not be a Company we told them that was but a slight excuse and wee did beleeve by their manner of dealing w^{th}: us all along it to be nothing else but a trick of theirs to prott[r]act time & basly to amuse us but we told them that they had dinned our ears so mutch allready with their talk that we could endure it noe longer & that we imediately expected to have them come to action however we sent for Paupia

and discoursed with him but found him hooly [*sic*] averse to agree with him upon the Acco^{t} of a joynt Comp^{a} on Munday these people haveing had some time to consider of what we had told them we had some intimation that they had agreed & would come to us we sent for them and asked if they had chose another ꝑson in the room of Paupia they told us they had but we understood they would have noe more to be concerned with them than 6 ꝑsons we enquired ye reason they told us the rest was gone [away out of towne] & that they could not with any security to themselves be bound for ꝑsons they knew not & men of noe estates but for themselves they would be joyntly & severally bound one for ye other and this was their notion & we could by noe means beat them off from it so we were forced to comply with them at last the 6: we are well assured are able sufficient men & we have understood since that the other croud of people that called themselves Marchants were most of them these mens attendants, we have Contracted with them for Pag^{ds}: 9000 to be bought into us within the space & terme of 2 m^{os} & 3 daies from ye 20 instant they first would have 2 m^{os} 10 days then that not contenting us they came to 2 m^{os} 6 daies and at last 2 m^{o}: 3 daies which odde days we could not get of them tho we were from 6 to one a clock in ye morning baiting at them, such perverse crose graind people have we had to Deale with the Copy of their Contract with that of Jerra Chittee & [P]aupia we shall remitt to your Worsp etc^{a} with our proceedings & transactions since we arived in this place where we have had noe small difficultys to overcome, most peevish crosse graind fellows to deal with and had not we been dobly active and stiring even to ye prejud[i]ce of some of our healths wee had never come of conquerors but now thanks be to God we have pretty well settled this place for this yeare, considering the straitnesse of time for we have now the Divan for our freinds we have an Investment of about 18000 Pag^{ds} [*A few words lost*] more promised us and all this at 4 ꝑ Cent abatement upon the present prices of ye Maddrass Musters besides what other goods may be brought to us by other ꝑsons which we doubt not but will be considerable. These things we humbly offer to your worsp̃ etc^{a}: our cheifest ambition being only to gain the reputation of Right worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: etc^{a}: Your most humble & faithfull ser^{s}: Jhon[*sic*] Willcox—Rich: Milton—Ralph Ord.

P.S.

Ambogee Pontulo has sent to us for ye copie of ye Cowl Hargee Raja granted to Mr Yale, because he sayes Vitulapilla is desirous of seing it he haveing given us in his Cowle a confirmation of what containd in ye other w^{ch}: wee humbly desire may be sent us as likewise that w^{ch}: Ambogee granted us The Merch^{ts}: have been at us for 2 bales broad cloth w^{ch}: if to be spared wee desire mny [may?] be sent to.

Idem
J.W.
R.M.
R.O.

To ye R^{t} Worp^{ll}: William Gufford Esqr
Governour of Fort St George Agent for the
Hono^{ble}: Companys affaires on the Coast
Cormandell &c^{a} Councell.

Wee wrote to yo^{u} the first was dated the ultimo January sent by two expresses with pacquets from ye Hono^{ble}: Company to you and the other by a french Shipp under yo^{u} that accompanyed pacquets, more from them all which we hope may have Attained your reception Since wch came to our hands yours of ye 8th: of March ye 15th: Instant with a small pacquet for the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: wch came to Late to goe for Bussorah, or Persia the Shipps being all gonne and because the Cossitts complyed not wth their promise to yo^{u} in reaching hither by the 10th: instant they have Lost the revard yo^{u} desined them of 3 rupees though wee could wish they had earned it for had they come by that time your pacquet

had gone with our last and our Master reced some satisfaction in hearing from yo^{u}, but that oppertunity being lost wee have sent your pacquet with one of Our Owne, on a Dutch Shipp bound for batavia and recommended it to our Bantam ffreind to send forward to the Hono^{ble}: Company by first conveniance [*sic*] that shall present with them Wee returne many thanks for your Kindnesse in advizing us concerning the Hono^{ble}: Compa^{s}: shipps under yor Charge and are truly Glad ye Golden ffleece Georg[e] and Cesar went home soe full and Richly Laden God send them a safe and seasonable arrivall with our Masters and hope the two L[a]tter may save their passages the Anne with yo^{u} wee he[a]rtily wish met with an Early dispatch from the Bay and God we hope hath brought the Bengalla Merchant in safety to yo^{u} and that She is Gonne for England. We heartily wish prosperity to all Our Masters Affaires under your Charge and rest, Your Very Ready ffreinds to Serve You Jo: Child—John Petit—George Bowcher—Fra: Day.

Surat y^{e}: 25th Aprill 1682.

To the Right Worp^{ll}: William Gyfford
Agent &c^{a}: Councill at ffort St George.

Wee have this oppertunity Given us by an accidentall Expresse to acknowledge yours of ye Ultimo August 5th and 7th passed month, w^{ch}: came to us the 24th: present, the same considerations that moved you to forbeare writg us was the sole cause Wee wrote yo^{u} not the Sampson arrived Bombay the 10th of August but what though the timerousnesse of Capt &c^{a} made it the 23^{d} Septem^{br}: before arrived with us she was dispatched for Carwarr & Callicutt the 4th: instant The ffaulcon arrived Carwarr ye 19th August She we have directed to sail for Callicutt the Goods provided there being furthest from us that if possible Wee may be sure to have all them w^{ch}: Wee cannot soe well reach hither Should Our Shipps Arrive late as may those at Carwar which was Our then consideration Wee are heartily Glad all our Masters Ships design'd you are safe arrived and truly wish God successe may attend all your undertakings May you wholly overcome all Interlopers attaine a full and rich Lading in seasonable time for all the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Ships that they mete with an early dispatch from you [Pitts] wee hope will be mett with all it would be wellcome news to hear he is taken in his craftinesse, and made to Smart for his contempt of his Majesty &c^{a} for the Interloper that was at Zeloone his condition is Such as no great feare of him, but yet wee wish he were in your possession, Wee as yet know but of One, that is come this way, called the Merchants Delight, She run aground on the Mezeeras the [*lacuna*] July, [her] men all saved they went for Muscatt, where they have lodged w^{t} Treasure and goods Saved how much that is wee have not learnt as yet but intend to looke after it; The Capt; One Atkinson wth: 7: men more are come hither on a Muscatt Ship, but wee have not Seen him a[s] yett he came to the Rivers Mouth Yesterday, Say the Supercargoe, remains at Muscatt, with some to look after w^{t}: Saved; & about 20 men went for Baticola, in a Ship of that place.

The troubles at the Bay, wee are truly concern'd for the Imposition of 3: ℘ C^{t} Custome is a verry considerable matter, but hope by yor: prudent Directions, it will be taken off, and for the Animosities among themselves as you observe, that will be at an end, God Send the Defence in thither early, but wee fear Agent Hedges is deceased the acc^{o}: wee have of it is from a Small Ship, that came out of England bound for S^{t}: Laurence, to lade wth: Negroes, and so for Barbadoes, She spoke wth: Capt Browne, in the Johanna, who told him of a person of quality, that the Honble: Comp^{a}: sent out for the Bay, that was deceased, but his name forgott, this Vessel lost both her boats & Eight men, one the maine, and came hither in great distress, as yet remains with us, She likewise Spoke wth: ye Scipio, ab^{t}: 60: Leagues on this side Cape de Gullis, the 10th: of May last, w^{ch}: makes us much feare her gaining her passage, Capt: Cooke was dead, and halfe her men, and the Ship leaky, God in mercy looke down on our Masters concerns, and Send prosperity, for they labour under great troubles.

Wee are glad you are so forward wth : yor : Investments, the Anne wee wish may save her passage God Send both her & the Bengall Merchant to safe arrive with our Masters.

Wee tooke wt : care lay in us of yor : Packett for ye : honble : Compa : tho came too late, to goe by the Busorah Ships, the Dutch are base enough to us, but thinck will not abuse us in this, but Safely deliver it to our Bantam freinds, the Dutch is taking of Bantam, Wee had (to our no mean trouble) long since, by way of the French ; it put us upon immediately sending down this Coast, to secure wt : peper wee could, that if possible, wee might gain a large quantity before [*A few words lost*] Should be able to raise the price on us, or give us any other hindrances which now wee must looke for undoubtedly they will grasp at all the peper.

The Bearers of our letters to you were not Our ser[v]ants but hired Cossetts however wee have chidd them your two Peons are with us and as you direct shall returne them to you with such Letters as our expected Ship may bring for you for whose quick arrivall wee heartily pray being in verry great want of them.

Wee take all due Observation of what you write concerning your settling ffactory in Sombojee Rajahs Countrys and of the unhandsomnesse of Gopall Pundit at Porta Nova Wee must caution you as in duty bound not to trust Sombajees Ministers for doubtlesse they cannot be better wth : you then those on this Coast if they cann once gett into your dept it will be a hard peice of worke to gett them out againe Wee Shall sen[d] to treat with Sombajee as you direct, and be assured Our utmost endeavours shall not be wanting to bring the Affaire to your desires.

The Mogull is highly incensed against Sombajee and bends all his fforces that way he hath fitting out hence a considerable ffleet that may depart within a month and is resolved to Assault his Country by sea & Land Sombajee is likewise prepared wth : great fforce to resist and Sultan Ekbarr threatens to be here when the fleete is gonne ; Continual robbings allready and the fears of what may be make us hasten all or Goods downe wth : us and as fast as they come away to the Marin and hope ye Allmighty will protect our Masters concernes from all evill accidents but wee feare wee Shall be forced to send home more brown Cloth then otherwise Wee should because of the troubles for wee cannot in prudence adventure their stay up the Country as [us]uall, but must sobmitt to ye evill and wash wt : wee cann here.

The Dragon arrived Mocha ye : ulto : May sould Part of what she brought out[?] Cohseed and sailed thence the 10th : July Last Agent Gibbs and his Commandor had been verry ill but was somewhat recovered before they sailed by Banan advice Wee have it that she arrived Gombroon and thence sayled for Bussorah, but have not advices from our Persian freind.

The french have two Shipes here arrived the 21th : and 24th instant they left france the 17th & 27 March Last they have brought a stock in monny Lead redd Lead fine Broad Cloth and Iron as report speakes to ye amount of 600000 rups : as yett wee have not learnt ye Certainty of it nor attained a perticular accot : of their cargoes, but to our comforts Wee are assured they have noe course Broad Cloth.

Wee are sorry at the just reasone wee have to complaine against Mr. John Feild Cheife of Metchlapatam upon the procedings of those employed by him In one of his Ships at Persia whose actions are soe unjustifyable in regard to the dishonor of our Nation and prejudice to Our Honoble Master affaires there that were he a person under [our ?] charge we should Esteeme him culpable of fault of soe high a nature as to deserve a more severe sentiment from us then an Interloper the Charge laid against him by the factors in Persia is in the enclosed Coppy of their Gennerall to us, which Wee referr to your own prudence to take such cognizance of as you think fitt and desire you will take care to prevent the like misdemeanours for ye future from all undr : your charge.

Your Pacquett for ye Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}. shall be carefully forwarded by first conveyance.

If you should receive any Novelty from Bantam of pro[b]abillity of ye Old Kings beating the Dutch off and regainning his Port pray faile not to inpart Such like advices by speedy Expresses being of great concerne to us that wee may accordingly Governe ourselves in the management of Our Pepper businesse on this Coast to Our Masters best advantage this being what occurrs at pressent worthy your notice Remaine, Your affectionate freind J^{o}. Child—Fra Day—Bar. Harris.

Surat y^{e} : 27th : Octo^{ber} : 1682.

It hath been now about 5 years y^{t} wee have neaver been free from disputes wth ye Shawband^{r} Espetially when any English goods have come from Surratt or other parts he not beleiveing y^{m} to be o^{r} but y^{t} wee owne y^{m} for other merchants and therefore with much difficulty and sometimes a small present we have at last gott y^{m} Cleare b[ut] now feare wee shall not have any more soe & w^{ch} : is occasioned Cheifly by a small Shipes arrivall here from Metchlepatam belonging to ye Cheife & Councill there and who have ordered there Cape Merchant of Said Ship upon noe tearmes whatever to bring ye goods into ye English House but apply himselfe to ye Shawbander and to whome M^{r} ffeild ye now Cheife of Metchlepatam have wrote a Letter declareing ye Ship and goods to be none of y^{e} Comp^{a} but his owne and therefore would desire y^{e} Showbandr to give his Assistance as to y^{e} Saile of y^{e} good[s] promiseing y^{e} next year to send him a Shipp of a Larger burden & full Laden Wee shall doe w^{t} we Can to procure a Coppy of y^{e} Showbanders L$\tilde{r}$e : and send it to yor Worp &c^{a} they have allready brought part of y^{e} goods ashore and as wee are informed have agreed wth : y^{e} Shawbander for 6 ℔ Cent Custome besides all other y^{e} Towne charges soe y^{t} by [this] y^{r} Worp^{e} may see in w^{t} : a condition y^{e} compa : affaires are now in Persia and if they doe not put a stop to all such Irregular proceedings wee shall not only pay Custome for what Ever goods Come but in a few years more loose y^{t} small share of Customes we early receive for it is not above 3 dayes since y^{t} the Showbander desired o^{r} : Lingiust to speake to me to write to Suratt y^{t} : wh[a]ttsoever goods ye Comp^{as} Shipps send hither they might be sent on ye Comp^{as} Ships for y^{t} if they Came on any other he could not lett y^{m} bee free from Custome wee desire yor Worp : &c^{a} to accquaint ye Comp^{a} with these proceedings from Surrat as wee shall Intreat Agent [*lacuna*] to doe it from hence soe y^{t} if possible they may be remedied for ye futere wee have not more to add but ye tender of o^{r} : most humble services remaine, Your Worp^{ll} : &c^{a} : most Hum^{ble} : Servat^{s}. Sam^{all} Darnelly—Dan^{ll}: Edwards.

Gombroone y^{e} 24th Aprill 1682.

Wee likewise send by Capt Johnson our bookes of anno 1681.

Madapollam Novm^{br} 21 : 1682.

To Y^{e} R^{t} Worp^{ll}: Wm Gufford Esqr.
Agent & Governour &c^{a} Councell.

R^{t} Worsp^{ll} S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Wee have rec$\tilde{d}$ 2 letrs of the one y^{e} 30 Ultimo an other of y^{e} 2^{d} curant wch wee shall ℔ sume to defer answering to till y^{e} Resolution be dispatched w^{ch} : arrived unto this road yesterday y^{e} news whereof came to our knowled[ge] late last night togeather wth y^{e} shipps boat, we are now a ladeing what goods in readiness & shall dispatch her to Metchlepatam wth : all possible Speed w^{ch} : being all worthy ye notice we respectfully remaine, R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} Yo^{r} most humble Servts. John Field—Rich : Brereton—Nath^{ll}: Gufford.

PETTIPOLLEE Y^E^ 25TH NOVEMB^R^ 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORP^LL^ : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
AGENT & GOVERNOR OF FFOR[T] S^T^: GEORGE.
ETC^A^ : COUNCELL.

Right Worp^ll^ : S^r^ : Ec^a^ :

Your generall letter bearing date 2^d^ : instant [came] to our hands the 17th : ditto whereupon wee summond ye Merchants to impart ye contents thereof unto them some of whom being out of towne wee sent for and upon the 20th Curra[n]tt 7 of them appeared the other three are employed in the Countrey amongst the weavers to dispatch the cloth in their hands the particular paragraphs of your generall relating to the 5 ℘ Cent abatement was in order imparted to them and the[i]r replys thereto noted down in ye same order w^ch^ : comes inclosed transcribed for yor perusall whereunto wee humbly entreat yo^u^ will be referrd for answer to those parts of your prementioned generall.

The rates of our house rent are indeed very deare w^ch^ : wee hope you will not dissallow in regard there is an absolute necessity for some tollerable Accomodation at present as well for ourselves as security of ye Hono^ble^ Compa^s^ : goods & sortment of their Cloth.

That Generall Letter wherin ye Letters of our Names are onely put downe when there is occasion to mentione them is wee acknowledge very Improper and shall not for the future be practisd the letter was transcribed by M^r^. Lee and that tyme Samell Wales tooke notice of it to him but it was then dispatch'd in [*A few words lost*].

Wee shall take care to lade upon the first ship what goods wee Shall have in readiness intending God willing on Monday morning to begin the sortment and wee hope we shall have tymely the full complement of our goods ready for the last ship.

Wee shall observe to the utmost of our power ye direction sent us for marking ye Bales and are heartily sorry you cannot spare us some help to Dispatch the w[r]iting worke which and the sortment cannot be performd as you require [by severall] persons without neglecting one or the other and wee know ye sortment and Embaleing ye goods is y^t^ which must be first regarded Notwithstanding care shall be taken for transcript of one Coppy of our Consultations for England and a Coppy for ye ffort shall after the ships dispatch be sent in ye yeare 1673 there was 3 ffactors & 5 writers in Metchlepatam ffactory and ye Councell were 5 more ℘sons besides a supply came that yeare by the tenn ships and when Agent Master was there he brought down writers with him for his service, and they have now two in Metchlepatam ffactory and 2 in Madapollam and wee beleive the writing worke of this place is not much inferior to either of those ffactorys however wee submitt to your Worp^s^ & ye Councill's pleasure and Entreat you will not be displeas'd with what wee Gave writt relating hereunto.

If it Shall seem good to you to continue settlement here Wee Shall for ye next year take care to employ the painters [i]f you please to give us orders for the provision of paintings and shall in ye interim, or when ye Investm^t^ is over give direction [*A few words lost*] some Musters and send them for your approbation but tis this yeare too late to doe any thing therein.

The particulars of our Charges Generall & charges Extraordinary come inclosed w^ch^ : wee hope will satisfie you that ye Charges are occasioned by a new Settlement & Removing which cannot be avoided upon Removalls of so great distance.

The Present to ye Governor shall be managd with as much frugallity as possible and what he receives publiquely as at Metchlepatam and Madapollam is taken notice of by the Sarsamut and Shawbander who are ye Kings imediate officers upon Sallary ye Govrn^r^ being putt in by the Nabob who farmes ye Gover[n]ment from ye King and what is publiquely given is all sent up to Court and wee know that ye manner of giving the present at Metchlepatam is 500 : pagodas publiquely and 300 : more in private. As to our phirmand y^e^

Governo^{rs} : in no part Vallue it if they are not presented We shall consult of ye best method to gratefie ye Governour and if wee can avoid a publique present and privatly content him wee Shall doe it and engage to joyne his power wth: our utmost endeavors if any Interloper should Nestle here, to give them all ye Trouble and disturbance wee can.

The Merch^{ts} : have brought in ye following Cloth vizt :

Sallampores fine broght here		P. 4575
Curing at Yentapollm		1717
Percallas of 15 cov^{ds}	2876	...
At Yentapollam	781	3657
Booke percallas		2443
Allejaees		1007
Izzarees at Yentapollam		790
Collowapoos		485
Saserguntees		191
Saderuncheras		303
Cotton Rommalls		238
		15346 Peces.

Wee have not anything more at this tyme to add concluding with our most humble Service presented from R^{t} Wors^{pll}: Sr Etc^{a}. Your most humble servants SAM WALES—JOHN GODDARD.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM COLLAYENTADRY CHIEFE DUBASH OF PETTIPOLEE TO Y^{E} R^{T} WORS^{P} : W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R} & GOVERNOUR NOE DATE.

I have with all due respect rec̃d yor Worps Letter esteemeing it upon my head yor Wors^{p} was pleased to write me y^{t} I gott ye Merch^{ts} : to abate but Some thing of ye 5 ℘ Cent & that neither, but in some goods & that our People were forced to lend about [*A word lost*] Pa^{ds} : before hand to ye Merch^{ts} : without interest considering w^{tt} : twas as tho they had made noe abatem^{t} : at all & that if the tradeing at Pettipolee will not Defray charges yo^{u} will order our People back againe to Metchlepatam.

Hono^{dr}: S^{r} : [*A word lost*] I who endeavor my uttmost to please yor : Wors^{p} : as much as in me lyes, have used all ye arguments I could wth ye Merchants to bring them to the abatement of y^{e} [5] ℘ Cent but could not prevaile wth y^{m} to agree to any more y^{n} 3 ℘ Cent, after ye arrivall of Mr Sayon when he came Chiefe of Metchlap^{a} : he tooke of ye former price of Ramall Dasta & hath agreed at 20 Pa^{ds} : ℘ Corge wth : out any abatement, as for sale Cloth seeing Colla Narso hath brought good, twas thought fitt by y^{m}: at Metchlap^{a} : to take of his 8 ℘ Cent abatement that Mr Masters made formerly wheras there was noe abatem^{t} heretofore upon Golcondah bee[te]lees they have now made ye 8 ℘ Cent abatement soe excepting Ramall Dasta & Sale Cloth for all ye rest ye Pettipolee Merch^{ts} : have agreed to provide this yeare their Investme[n]ts with 3 ℘ Cent abatement ye Gentlemen here & myselfe have used our uttmost to bring y^{m} to it as to what yor Wo^{rp} writes seeing we must lend ye Merch^{ts}: 10000 Pa^{ds}: before hand yor; Wo^{rp} saith y^{t} considering its Interest ye abatem^{t} will Signifie nothing at any time when the severall sorts of Goods are agreed for with ye Merchants we ought to give them ⅔ according to ye agreem^{t} at Metchlapatam & ye other third when they have brought in y^{r}: Cloth & not to give the hole sum̃e beforehand seing we make a new begining of ye Setlem^{t}: this yeare ye Merch^{ts} would not consent otherwise tho we used all y^{e} ℘swasions we could I have Wholy layd all my trust upon your Worsp^{ll} : favores & continue in ye Hono^{ble}: Compa[n]yes Service with all fidelity soe : I put myselfe upon yor charge to mainetaine me.

METCHLEPA YE 24TH NOVEMBR 1682.

TO THE RT WORLL WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
AGENT & GOVERNOUR &CA COUNCELL.

Right Worsp Sr: &ca.

Wee have now before us yours of ye 30th: October and 2d: November to wch: wee submissively reply that noe endeavors of ours shall be wanting to gett in the Honoble: Compas: goods and shipping them timely and as for Accanas Scare Crow wee fear him not & as he is great, hope he will be more kinde, and Consider better how he attempts soe rash an act however wee shall be watchfull, and Carefull of our Honoble Employers Estate and ourselves, and leave the event to devine Providence.

Wee observe wt: you write about the ordinary Sallampores the Musters whereof wee entreat you to returne us by ye Peons, wee cannot as yett meet wth: any of that sort at 12 pogods ℘ corge the price you mention, when wee doe or wth: any other sort of Cloth wee thinke a pennworth and fitting for our Honoble: Masters wee shall forth with buy it and advise you thereof.

Noe Dutch long cloth or Sallampores can wee yett procure there being noe quantities of either made wth: out being first be spoake, and neer Madapollam where they can better procure them ye Weavores then wee here at a greater distance some small quantitie if can be gott shall if on any reasonable termes.

Wee shall follow your order in returning ye Black bayes seing cannot dispose of a peece of them here and shall use all possible means to dispose of the others to best advantage.

Your orders to sell no Broad cloth if [cannot] gett 23 pa: ℘ halfe peece shall observe, and beleive shall not then sell an halfe peece, for to severll wch: will take no more then from 5 to 10 halfe peices wee have offerd them at pagods 23 but not one came higher then 22½ pagds ℘ ½ ps and those that will buy a quantitie will not come higher then 21 pagds: ℘ halfe ps and wee doe farther beli[e]ve that at noe higher rate can wee sell any quantity, At present its in vaine to use any other endeavours, or farther argumets wth: our Merchts: then wee have allready who say the goverment he is bad that they must transport whatever they buy, for wch: they shall be made pay such great Juncans, that they will not be perswaded to take off any, and if ever they are brought to take off any it must be one first Contracting for ye years Investment, when noe endeavors of ours shall be omitted, and all perswasive arguments urged to bring them to it.

The Cumum Beetelaes wee finde by Consultations of ye 28th: & 30th: August of Mr V. Sayon owne pening, to be offerd to ye Merchts: to provide vizt the 1th: sort formerly agreed for at 35 at 30 pagods: ℘ corge and the 2d: sort agreed for at 32½ at 28½ pagods: ℘ Corge which peices wee finde to be accepted of by the merchants in the last of Mr Sayons Consultations vizt: 31th: August And Mr: Robert ffreeman hath discoursed the [Merchts:] Dubash and braminy concerning the Contract of the above said Cummum Beetelaes made by Mr: Sayon who unanimously declared yt Mr Sayon demanded noe other abatement on said Cummum Beetelaes in any wise what soever, then that the Merchants should del[i]ver them ready cured the first sort at 30 pa[g]os: and the 2d sort at 28½ pagods: ℘ corge and that the abatement of 20 ℘ct: on 25 and 30: pagods was ne[v]er demanded of them nor if it had, could they have performed it but that Mr: Sayon not makeing a finall determination of contract for ye Said Cummums before they were whited which was not effected till after Mr: Sayons death when James Wheeler and Timothy Harris wth: much adoe gott the merchts: to abate 1 ℘ Cent on the prices Mr: Sayon had brought to Vizt Pads: 30 & 28½ ℘ corge wch: is the true price agreed for on the Cummum Beetelaes as is at large expressed in a Consultation dated September 11th: 1682 Copie whereof was lost since sent you By all wch: it plainly appears there was no such abatement as 20 ℘ Cent made and yt Mr: Sayon did mistake in casting it up for both James Wheeler and Timothy Harris doe well Remember to have heard Mr Sayon say ye prices he had now brought the Merchants for the Cummum Beetelaes were about 20 ℘ct: less then they were before Contracted for wch: must certainly proce[e]d from a mistake in Mr Sayons casting it up.

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Goods come in from the washers very slowly accasioned as yᵉ Merchᵗˢ : affirme through the severity of this Governour and the Baddness of other Governours [*A few words lost*] there Cloth is washed, many of yᵉ washers are fled and that they cannot get Washers to cure their Cloth wᶜʰ : is the reason that we have at this price no more of white Cloth embaled then 93 bales Vizt.

Sallampores white fine	56 q : pˢ	... ...	8400
ditto white ordinary	4 qᵗˢ :	... ...	400
Percollaes 15 coveds	19 qᵗˢ	... ...	5700
Booke Percollaes	14 qᵗˢ	... ...	4900
Bales of wʰᵗ Cloth	93 qᵗˢ pˢ	... ...	19400
Dungarees browne bales	68	... ...	6800
Totall of Bales is	161		26200

Our diligent endeavors shall in no wayes be wanting impressing the Merchᵗˢ : to bring in their whited Cloth, or in makeing all possible hast to sort & embale it, after wee have rec͠d it well knowing how suddenly the Europe ships may be wᵗʰ : us wᶜʰ ; when any one doth come you Shall have notice thereof from us Immediately.

Three Pallenkeens of price as you enorder are bespoke and as soone as finished shall be sent you with Bambooes and tossells yᵉ Beds and Pinjarees may be best made wᵗʰ: you.

Here are none of the Lancasters men yett come hither when any doe wee Shall recommend to them your promise to entertain and provide for them, and endeavour to prevent yᵐ and endeavour to perswade them to yᵉ ffort. Our last informed you the great want of assistance in writing wee stood in need of wᶜʰ: still Continues through the indispo[si]tion of Mʳ: Harris and Mʳ : Troughton however [*A few words lost*] care that the Diary & consultations be fair transcribed and if possible your Generall letters to us be sent home Wee Imagining it may be some misinformation you have had of the last years diary and Consu[l]tations wᶜʰ : to some of our certain Knowledges they were last year transcribed and sent up to yᵉ ffort to be forwarded for England.

If can procure an able mate for Mʳ Dunne out of one of the Europe ships shall observe your orders therein but wee suppose that yᵉ surgeon of yᵉ Lancaster is inclined to stay at Madepollam which if you approve of and settle a ffactory at Viziagapatam that place and Madapollam may be supplyed by him & Mʳ Dunn may serve for this and Pettepollee.

Wee have no farther advice of Accanas Coming but if he should we shall be as frugiall as possible we can for our honoᵇˡᵉ : Masters & endeavor wᵗ : in us lyeth to oblige Accana to his Content and satisfaction whose Rocca to the Sailascar of Chickracull for your settlemᵗ at Viz[a]gapatam we shall not faile to procure.

Our freinds at Pettepollee have been advised wᵗ : yᵒ enorder us to supply them wᵗʰ : Boates wᶜʰ wee doupt shall not be able to performe because on this Govenoʳˢ taking Pagoᵈˢ : 250 from the Cheif Boatman in the month of May last Mʳ : ffield &cᵃ then ordred the payment of 2 pᵃ ꝑ boate the Country price, untill such time as said sum̃e was satisfyed but now wee have bargained for 8 Boates whose owners wee have wᵗʰ : much troble and at last prevailed for to accept yᵉ Companyes accustomed price of 1 Pagoᵈˢ : ꝑ boate and turned out yᵉ head boatman wᶜʰ was yᵉ [causes of restoring] the Price, who wᵗʰ his Boate [wee] will endeavor to send to Pettepollee because if wee cannot procure more then 8 boates to Come under the Compᵃˢ : protection & ser[v]ice wee cannot spare one [of] them for Pettepollee least wee want ourselves and accordingly have advised them that they endeavour to provide for themselve At pettepollee or else where, and not wholly rely on us for boates.

Wee have made a Strickt enquiry after the goods you have been informed were providing in these parts under yᵉ name of yᵉ ffrench & we can by no means Learn otherwise then that some time hence Monsʳ : Jennett sent for Pudichery 2 : or 3 Cowreys of Musters of all sortes of Cloth pr[o]vided in these parts and here was about 6 weeks since a danes sloope whose people would have brought about 2000 pagoᵈˢ worth of goods but they could procure no more then to yᵉ amoᵗ

of 1000 w^{th}: wch they sailed, and wee cannot learne of any other goods that are have been [provided] No Interloper as yett appears neither do we hear of any expected or near us that goods should be provided for.

As to the 2000 p^s: of fine Chints of y^e dimentions & Curiositie you requier wee finde M^r: Sayon in a Consultation held the 21 August last Mr Ramsden and Mr Harris James Wheeler being at that time delivering up his place & charge at $Madap^{ll}$: resolved as followeth about them the Musters of Chints of severall grounds were this day rec̃d in Councell & found to be very dear and not wth y^t curiositie and workmanship as desired it was therefore resolvd that y^e $Merch^{ts}$: provide a Corge of each ground to be painted w^{th}: as much curiousitie veriety to be sent home to y^e $Hono^{ble}$. Company as musters and the other quantety required to be Commended to our freinds at Pettepollee.

On examination of the $Merch^{ts}$ what they had done herein they sayed Mr Sayon ordred them to provide 5 corge of fine well painted Chints w^{ch}: they promised, and will bring y^m in very speedily.

Wee ℘sume Pettepollee was the place designed ℘y^e $Hono^{ble}$. Company to have their Chints from, but if it should timely be requird of us another year wee shall not faile of providing the best procurable.

Here is perticular advise from bengall dated 6th. $Octob^r$. last intimating that $Capt^t$: Sandland deceased some short time after he gott into bengall that they mett w^{th}: some trobles there but nevertheless the Defence was designed early to be dispatched for these parts.

The Pagoda paid the Peons for [B]atty is now returned you by the bearer hereof.

Wee $herew^{th}$: remitt you last years Gennerall Bookes for England and calling not else to minde at present we humbly crave leave to Conclude, Right $Worsp^{ll}$ S^r: $\&c^a$: Your most $obed^t$: & most hu^{ble}: Servnts. R. ffreeman—James Wheeler—Timothy Harris.

$Metchlepat^{m}$: y^e[. . . .] $Nove^{br}$ 1682.

To the Right $Worsp^{ll}$: Wm Gufford Esqr.
Agent and Governour $\&c^a$ Councell.

Right $Worsp^{ll}$ S^r: $\&c^a$:

Wee have now before us your of y^e 13 Currentt wch came to our reception y^e 23^d: wth 3 p^s saile cloth wee sent for your perusall and observe your reply Concerning them and the meaning of our $Hono^{ble}$: Employers to have their mony put into many hands y^t one might strive to outvie the others but these people are of quite Contrayry tempers and to save 1 fan or 2 Cash in a p^s spoile the goods Saile Cloth and dungarees is made but in one $℘^t$ of y^e Country, and there the Pettipollee merchants gives ours great troble notwithstanding their mony was not given out soe soon as ours by 3 month[s] yett they will have a Moyetie or elce put $deroy^s$ upon the oxen and Runn too and againe to petty $Governo^s$: w^{th}: falce storys and impede y^e Comeing of it downe wch y^e weavors and people seeing how one strives to gett it from y^e other value not how slightly they make it and the quantity soe great to be procured is the true reason it proves soe bad this year wee have prest our merchants Exceeding to our Judgments but they will never agree to 4 ℘ C^t abatement they offer and we hope to bring them to 8 w^{ch}: will be something considerable tho: not equall to y^e difference of Cloth but y^e most [that can] be done at this time, the Contract was ill made by our Predecessors and unadvisedly put upon our whole $Comp^a$: of $merch^{ts}$: when one would have performed it better as it was last year and must be soe againe if yo^u Expect to have it good our fine Cloth comes in tollerably good according to y^e sortments but very slow soe that we can be able to loade but little abroad y^e Loyall Resolution who is Expected here.

Wee observe wt you write Concerneing our Governors expectations wch will not be satisfied without money neither Can wee keep Washers or beaters in our service wth out his assistance therefore we shall use our best endeavours to keep him our freind but wth: as much frugallity as is necessary for our honble: Masters Interest.

The proffitt of ye: Silver from Madapoll: is brought to the Compas: Creditt by Mr ffeild in the mo of August Copie of wch: wee suppose to be sent you if not that was none of our neglect it Comes now Inclosed as it stands in this ffactory and refer'd to your Worps: &ca: approbation thereof.

Richd: Browne arrived hither the 24th: Currant and Mr Wheeler went to his station att Madapoll: the 28th wee make the best shift wee can to bring up the Compas business this yeare wth: the Little assistance wee have well knowing you can't allow us more we shall Creditt Accot: Curt: Fort St: George wth: 2 doz: & 8 drinking Glasses and debt it for the other 2 factors. proportion.

Yesterday Evening arrived the Resolution into this Roade from Madapoll: haveing taken in all ye goodes there in readyness wee shall Load ours wth wt: speed possibly being but few and dispatch her to Pettipole wee suppose her Stay here may be 5 or 6 days ye: most Expecting in that tyme Some more fine: goodes from ye Washers wch: is all wt: offers att present wee humbly take Leave and remain, Rt Worpll: Sr &ca: Your most Humble & most obedient Servts, Robt: ffreeman—Richard Browne—Timothy Harris.

Conimero Decbr: 6th: 1682.

To ye Right Worpll Wm Gyfford Esqr.

Agent Gov[e]rnr &ca: Councell in Fort St George.

Right Worspll Sr &ca

Yours of ye 27th Novbr: came to our hands ye 1t: instant & brough[t] with it pads: 10,000 with a small fardle of Musters & a box of paper the Palmiros & Reepers came upon the sloop wch came to an anchor in this road ye 29th ulto but shee brought noe wine arrack or Sugar wch: is mentioned in our Invoice wee suppose because shee was forcd out of the road by distresse of weather & soe could not stay to take them in.

Nagogee Pontulo yt was sent to Chengie came to us this morning & wee being unwilling to dismisse him without giving your Worpll &ca an accot of ye rec[e]ipt of ye pagods: 10,000 &ca: have now sent him forward with this wee shall in 3: or 4 dayes more give a ꝑticular answer to your letter in the meantime wee conclude these respectfully remaining, Rt. Worpll: Sr: &ca Your most humble Servants, John Willcox—Richard Milton—Ralph Ord.

Wee are in great want for Sealing wax therefore humbly desire a Supply.

J.W.
R.M.
R.O.

Madapam: 20th: Novembr 1682.

To the Rt Worsll: Wm Gufford Esqr:

Agent & Govr: &ca: Councell.

Rt Worspll: Sr: &ca: Councell.

We have recd yors of ye 30th: Octobr: ye 2d & 13 currt to wch we shall now humbly reply ye Resolution arrived here ye 21 currt of wch we had notice Late at night on Saturday Last we sent of what goods we had in readyness being 631 Bales & on Sunday night recd the nots on Shore of there being on bord and had dispatchd ye Ship yesterday but that we have mett with great troble to gett ye Lancasters men [to take] there passages upon her & have been force[d] to stay till we could procure water & other provisions for them and being Very desireous to rid ye factory of soe great a troble & Expence as they have put us to ye souldiers Likewise take there passage upon this shipp haveing agreed for ye passage of

Souldiers & Seamen at 6^{d} a day besides filling of water & carrying of there provisions one bord a Coppy of ye Contract we her[e]with send you allsoe an acc^{t} of wot charges we have been at for them with ye Invoice & bill of Ladeing of goods putt on board and our lett^{r}: to ye Hono^{ble}: Compā to all w^{ch} : we refer you we allsoe therewith send yo^{u} an acco^{t} of Jno: ffield Expences to Corango.

Wee are sorry to heare that Accana should threttne our Honble: Imployers affaires & their Servants whome we hope will better Consider of it wee have been very carefull not to Increace our presents to ye Governours Stoping our Goodes, takeing a new cource of putting two Governours into a [place wee] have been forced to Augm^{t}: but as little as possibly wee Could, nor yett are they satisfied, some of them requiering Scarlett proportionably altogeather wch wee have not to give, they have returned their presents utterly refuseing coarce Cloth as usuall however wee have given them good words telling them wee have writt to you for Scarlett w^{ch}: if wee had by us wee would give them nothing elce that being a Commodety not vendable, the Cource Cloth Selling att a greater price then w^{t} : wee rate to them for presents this wee have done to prevent them from stoping our goodes now it is so late in the Yeare whereby our business yett goeth well on wth : out their molestations It is still reported y^{t}: Accana will come downe against ye Great feast att Anchoneed wch is in Jan^{ry} : next if soe wee shall observe your orders in presenting him without minding the Dutch reports of w^{t} : they doe.

Wee have Contracted wth : Ponde Conde Anca for 200 16 Covetts timbers and 300 Tonloes more then formerly agreed for these and those others to be brough[t] in by the first of January and have given him in hand 1600 pa : as to y^{e} : business in debate between him the Dubass and Brameny wee shall give you a further Acco^{t}: after the shipps departure when wee shall be more att leasure to Examine it Gruaraze Widdow hath rec'd 30 pag^{os}: from our Brameny and when ye yeare is Expired that he receives his distere from the Merch^{ts} : he will pay the rest but as for Mutterez there is noething due to him as formerly advised.

We find in ye Consultation of this factory Mr Clarke hath noted there at ye end of Decemb^{r} : last thus farr Coppeyed for England w^{ch}: was ye Reason we [*A few words lost,*] where he there left of this year and for the Lett[e]rs Sent and rec̃d it was Mr Masters his order not to send any w^{ch}: wee suppose was the Cause of that omision & therefore why we noe sooner begun this year takeing care only for ye books of acco^{t}: & Coppes of Consultation we shall doe our utmost Endeavor to comply with your order although it is late & much other business now upon our hands & ye ordering Mr Tillotson to Metchlepatam will be a great hinderance to us and Mr Willcox havein[g] been a long time sick & uncapable of business & Mr Troughton comeing in that condition we can Expect little help from him however if our freinds at Metchlepatam require Mr Tillotson his repaire thither we shall follow your order in sending him for a time.

We are very sencible how prejuditiall it would be to own other peoples goods in our names and a great peice of Injustice the King haveing granted us soe great priviledges therefore we shall be shure not to Commit that Error.

You will see by the Invoice what abatements we have made for want of Length and breadths only y^{e} Ginghams are reckoned at $\frac{1}{16}$ less in breadth then formerly they being really soe & for w^{ch} : y^{e} merchants will as yett abate nothing saying they wear [*sic*] to make them $\frac{1}{4}$ less 3 coveds Brown that they are not to allow for there shri[n]king in washing w^{ch} : we refer to yo^{ur} Worsp &c^{a}: the liberty you have given us concerning them we shall noe way abuse haveing noe ꝑticular Grudge against any of them whatsoever nor if we had should that be a meanes to act either to our hono^{ble}: Imployers [. . . prejudice].

Our freinds att Vizagapatam have allready procured a Vessell for the bringing up the Honble: Comp^{as}: goodes to you and wee shall assist the owners w^{t} : lyes in our powers if there be occation and he acquaints us thereon.

Wee observe you have ordered James Wheeler Second here where when he arrives wee shall deliver him the bookes and question not but he will be assisting in other affaires, but for the [. . .] of the Lancaster he is noe ways satisfied in goeing to Metchlep^{a} : but is willing to serve the Honble : Comp^{a} : in this ffactory

but your orders being otherwise when he hath done wth the Cheife and others whose bodyes are indisposed he will depart hence unless your orders come tyme Enough for his stay here.

The Seargant of the Souldiers hath requested us to write to you in his behalfe they thre[at]ning [*sic*] him to make great Complaints against him for his abuseing them as they are pleased to Call it but wee must needs say he is a very Civill ꝑson and hath used noe more severity then was absolutely necessary to keep those under him in good order nor soe much as some tymes they have deserved haveing in some of our heareing some tymes given him very Scurvy Language w^{ch}: he hath so patiently Borne with, Less then this upon his requests wee could not refuse to write you this being the needfull att present we Remaine. R^{t} Worp^{ll}: S^{r} &c^{a} Your most humble Servants, JOHN FFEILD—JAMES WHEELER—RICH^{D} BR[ERE]TON—NATHA: GYFFORD.

P.S. All y^{e}: seamen are goeing on board this ship wee shall omitt the sending the Acc̄o^{t}: of Charges a few days Longer.

R^{t} Worp^{ll}: S^{r} &c^{a}:

The above is Copie of a letter to you by ship Resolution whome wee dispatcht the 29th: Currant and had done sooner could we have gott the men and provissions on board some of them yett remaineing behind refuseing to goe on board and some have taken their passage to Golcondah notwthstanding all wee Could doe to prevent it we herewith send you abstract of the Resolutions Invoyce and one of our bills of Ladeing Copie of Letter to the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: &c^{a}: papers according to list.

There are also some of the Lancasters men here sick and therefore are forced to keep them here till they recover and shall send them by the next Conveyance wee Remaine, R^{t} Worp^{ll}: S^{r} &c^{a} Your very humble Serv^{ts}: JOHN FFEILD—JAMES WHEELER—RICH^{D}: BRERETON.—NATHA: GYFFORD.

ATT Y^{E} ISLAND MACCA Y^{E} 4th NOVEM^{BR}: 1682.

R^{t}: WORSP^{LL}: AGENT. ECT: COUNCELL.

Mr Edwd: Barwell ect^{a}: Councell of ye agency of Ba[n]tam residing att Batowia did ye 27: of June Last dispatch thence for a tradeing voyage amongst those Island [s] the China Merchant Jno: Vetber Command^{r}: and the [tywan] Jno: Beere Comand^{r}: desigueing alsoe the Oakelander if could be supply'd wth: men she haveing in her voyage from England lost most of her shipps Comp^{a}: but ye Northerly Monsoone being now Strong Sett in and she nott yett arrived we give over expecting of her this [*A few words lost*].

The Chyna Merchant & ye Tywan Anchored in this harbour Pr^{o}: August, the first of them we were ordred to dispeed to you with ye begining of ye Northerly Monsoone but not being able to dispose of her Cargo nor procure goods proper either for Europe or yor markett soe erely resolved to keepe her as long as possibly could without indamgering her looseing the Comp^{as}: of ye Europe shipps in her voyage to England induced thereto by the dayley reports and expectations that we had of ye Merchants comeing downe from Canton being loth to send her away emty but to o^{r}: great sorrow and trouble severall Tarter warr boats, has laine amonghst these Islands almoste ever since o^{r} arrivall whereby all com̄erce with the Cant^{on} Merch^{ts}: hath bin obstructed and although by presants to the Manderins of the first boats that came downe their departure was procured, yett before the Merchants could have notice thereof and being downe their goods another more considerable ffleete arrived who notwithstanding they pretende their Comission extent noe farther then to scoure the Coast of their enimies the tiywans

yett prove noe less prejudiciall to all trade then the former noe Merch^{ts}: dareing to appeare whilst they lye here to whome although many considerable presants hath bin allsoe made for to obtaine liberty to trade yett there demands of the Merch^{ts} : for to grant them ꝑmission to trafique wth us are soe unreasonable as we can foresee but small likelyhood of a speedy agreement wherefore considering how farr the Monsoone is spent and how uncertaine it is that wee Shall be able to dispose of & invest this shipps Cargo to that advantage as may conntervaile the looseing of ye Monsoone we resolved as in our oppinions most for the intrest of o^{r} : Hono^{ble} : Masters to dispatch her with y^{t} little raw Silke Tutenago & Gold which we had procured and [*A few words lost*] not to vend here and hope she will not faile to arrive soe tymely with you as to have the Comp^{a} : of the Europe Shipps home. The amount of her Corgo as ꝑ^{r} Invoyce is Pago^{ds} : 24616–1–0. By discourse with the merchants that privately have come of from Maccoa we understand that all woollen manufactures are this year a dragg in Chyna occasioned by the great quantities therof brought hither by the Chyneses from Syam an Tywan as allsoe by the Dutch whoe bring the last yeare turned out of Hockchew came with their shipps to these Islands for to dispose of the[i]r Cargoes of whose Shipps there are likewise to this year arrived here from batavia loaden with Pepper Cloth sapan and lead but most pepper haveing alsoe a considerable quantity of treasure who as well as o^{r} : selves have not yett as are informed bin able to sell or buy to any great vallue the Lead that yeilded the last voyage good advantage will not now off on any termes.

The Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a} : desireing to have introduced Coholechester Bayes to be a commidity in Chyna & considering that there was a constant trade from Amoy to Japan & Manheilos at that such goods are allwayes a staple com̃idity where Spaniards reside did send out 50 peces therof for a tryall but Amoy being now in possession of y^{e} : Tarters and noe Vessells voyageing from hence to [t]he Manheilos this yeare we are destitute of meanes to dispose thereof such sort of goods not being acceptable to these people yett hope that the frequent trade that is yearly from ye fort thither may afford you some meanes for to put them of.

The unexpectable trouble the Councell laboure under att batavia by the Gennarall and councells not permitting them to land any goods caused them positively to order us to consine to yor Wors^{p} : all such [*A few words lost*] sell before the departure of this shipp or in case the Kent touched here then to send them upon her to ye bay which of the two they supposed to be ye certainest place for ye Sale of such course goods [a]pprehending noe provability of being able att batavia to dispose of any goods that might happen to be returned yett for as much as the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a}: hath signifyed to us their earnest desire of o^{r} : vending there wooll in Manufactories we have reserved by us such sorts thereof as are most proper for this markett and Loaden the remainder with the Lead ect^{a} : upon ye Chyna Merchant in as much as ye Kent comes not hither hopeing that before wee goe to batavia an oppertunity will present for dispose thereof effectueing of which our utmost diligence and endeavors shall not be wanting.

Some mistake hath been comitted att batavia in loading of the Tywans Cargo : for wee finde upon putting some of her goods aboard ye Chyna Merchant 5 bales mentioned in the Invoyce to be Perpetuanoes for to prove Cloth Rashes and feare that some other bayles said to bee Clo : Rashes may prove to be Perpetuancoes but they hapninge to be stowed att ye bottome of the Shipp before the mistake was discoverd and this shipp being ready to saile we had not tyme to examine into it wherefore have Invoyced them to you as they weare to us d[e]sireing you would please to give order when said goods are landed that an Acco^{t} : of this mistake be takeing and that attestations thereof be remitted to batavia that whatsoever errores are found may be rectifyed. The surpliceses of some of ye bales that came out of ye tywan being torne, we caused them to be mended of which Capt : Utber when he came to sine Bills of Lading he did take notice but noe more of ye goods were [*A few words lost*] are specified in ye bill as himself did [*A few words lost.*]

Our residence being altogether aboard shipp we have not had conveniencie to pack ye raw silke in Chests as ought to have been for ye Secureing of itt from damage being unprovided of materalls for ye doeing there of which if you shall thinke convenient please to give order before the shipp departes to be don at ye ffort, Wee have rec̃d advise from ye Hono^{ble} : ffactors att Tywan that ye Kent Zeyston Sanders Commander is safely arrived there she was ordred to proced from thence to the bay and to touch here to compleat her loading if should faile thereof att Tywan but by a Letter rec̃d from the Comp^{es} : ffacto^{rs} : dated the 12 September wee are informed that their resolutions are to detayne her att Tywan untill arrivall of the Japan Juncks and then to dispeed her thence directly to batavia haveing noe goods in readyness where with to load her.

Our endavo^{rs} : for to procure a full loading for this shipp not haveinge mett with that success wee desired causes us earnestly to request that upon arrivall of said shipp you will please to order her to be searcht that o^{r} Honno^{ble} : Mast^{rs} : may receive satisfaction that wee have not loaden her with private concernes as some persons att other tymes malliciously and undeservedly have reported to have done it other shipps.

Wee have inclosed sent you o^{r} Genn^{rll} : to ye Right Honorable company open that you may peruse itt desireing that you would be pleased to send itt forward by the first good convayance which is all we call to minde neadfull onely to sub[s]cribe ourselves R^{t} Wors^{pll}, Your unble servants GEORGE GOSFRIGHT—JN^{O} STYLEMAN—GEORGE GOSNELL—[KNIPE.]

TYWAN SP^{BR} : 12TH : 1682.

Mr GEORGE GOSFRIGHT &C^{A},

FFACTORS.

These serve to advise yo^{u} of ye Kents safe arrivall wth : us on ye 17 : July and to acquaint yo^{u} : y^{t} in case yo^{u} should Expect her as she was ordered if wee could not compleate her Leading for Bengall y^{t} wee have resolved otherwise thinking it more for our Hono^{ble} : Masters advantaige to detaine her untill arrivall of Japan Juncks and soe dispatch her againe for batavia being not able last year to gitt of our old debts more then 200 Chests of Copper ye w^{ch} : Since arrivall of ye Ship ye King hath borrowed under pretence of makeing gunns but here is Loaden one board these Juncks that are bound to your Port wth: intent as suppose to Sell it you.

Since M^{r} : Mountagues departure we are deprived by Mortallity of M^{r} : Georg : Griffith who Died ye 21th : of March past this with the tender of our Respects cōmitting you to the protection of ye Almighty we remaine, Yo^{ur} : Loveing Freinds JOHN CHAPPELL—THOMAS ANGEIR—THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.

PETTIPOLLEE Y^{E} 9 D^{BR} : 1682.

TO THE R^{T} WOP^{LL} : W^{M} GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT & GOVERNOR OF GEORGE ETC^{A} :
COUNCELL.

Right Worp^{ll} : S^{r} : Etc^{a} :

Wee received yours dated ye 30th last month upon ye 7th : c[u]rrant letting us know receipt of ours on the 7 November past, and that haveing writt to us via Metchlepatam ℘ Mr Browne you had no occasion to give a quicker Reply.

Wee have againe acquainted ye Merchants with your resolutions of not settling a ffactory here unless they comply with the full abatement of 5 ℘ Cent for the next yeare and wee have againe made [repetition] of all those arguments formerly used to induce them there unto, what farther Motives there may be to bring them to a Compliance wee cannot at present thinke on. If your Worp̃ Etc^{a} please to direct us herein Wee shall endeavour to accomplish your Order and we are heartily sorry that you cannot say yo^{u} are satisfied in what we have done hoping y^{t} yo^{u} have no reason to be displeased with our endeavours and onely cause

to blame there obstinacy, They have now [con]descende[d], & as in ye Consultation ye 20th; November ye Coppy of which was dispatchd to you the 25th; ditto to ye abatement of 3 ℔ Cent upon all the goods saile cloth excepted and upon their con-[sent] to ye 3 ℔ Cent abatement upon ye rest of ye goods wee earnestly pressd them to give us a promise in writeing to make abatement of 5 ℔ Cent and all ye other goods to be provided ye next yeare whereunto they would b[y] no meanes consent, declaring themselves incapable to pass such an obligation in regard they are not ascertained of the rates that goods may then bare nor of ye dear [*A few words lost*] Cotton besides ye expectation of a settlement by the Dutch here the Governor of Polliacot haveing promised to ye Avaldar of this place that he would send people to rebuild and establish their old factory and wee are credibly informd that the Avaldar has sent up persons to mind him of his promise and Merch^ts^ to treat with him for a settlement here which if it takes Effect our Merch^ts^; as they declare to us, must of Necessity vye with those belonging to ye Dutch for the procuring of goods.

The 10000 pag^ds^: paid ye merchants before hand was but Pag^ds^ 9000: upon ye 7 Septem^br^: ye 23 ditto they had 16000 pag^ds^: paid them and upon the 19th: Octob^r^: they had 10000 p^ds^: more p^d^: towards the Compleatment of ye 2^d^ of the Investment to Which ye merchants earnestly pressed us and bringing Metchlepatam for a president wee thought wee had no reasone to deny soe just a request from them and we hope your Worp^s^ etc^a^ will not be disple[a]sed at it having a Customary Example for it. It is very true the charge of ye factory is very considerable for ye present as all new settlements are but wee hope if you please and Designe a continuance here, the considerable Investment that may be made will by degrees take of ye charge and the hono^ble^: Company receive by this as much advantage proportionable to the stock as by any other factory.

Wee have lost a very able accomptant in M^r^. Lee and have more need of one for y^e^ [discharging] that Employment then transcri[be] Letters & Consultations Our Consultations for England shall ready transcribed By Samuel Wales and a Coppy of all of them for the fort shall after the ships dispatch, be sent up if you please not to accept of what allready sent apart.

Since it is not your pleasure to admitt a small Tomb to be built [for] Mr Lee at the Honorable Comp^as^ Charge we must lett it alone for what he has left is so inconsiderable that it will not admitt of any to be taken from it. To Mr Bulkley Chergion of ye Resolution who attended him 8 or 10 dayes & nights very carefully & administer'd his own Medcines wee thought fitt ye Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: [h]aveing no Physick to pay ye amount of his bill Pag^ds^: 15 on their accompt, beleiving that yor Wors^p^ etc^a^: would deeme it but reasonable y^t^ they should allow for the Physick and attendance of there servants when sick especially in this place neither Medicine nor Physician of ye hono^ble^: Companys could be had, which wee humbly referr to your Considerations.

Wee have acquainted Vencatadre Dubass y^t^ you are wery angry with him that he should offer as M^r^ ffreeman Etc^a^: has acquainted yo^u^ to complaine to the Gover^r^: of Metchlepatam of some wrong Potulo had done him in displeaceing of him and that lett ye occasion be what it will be ought not to seeke justice from any other but yourselves for when those Govern^rs^: medle in our concernes usually ends in some Inconveniency to our Hono^ble^: Masters and that if he had just complaint yor Wors^p^; Etc^a^; one time or other would have righted him to w^ch^: he gave answer & desire your Wors^p^; Etc^a^: would admitt of it as a Truth that he neaver made any Complaint to the Governour of Potanas haveing taken away his Employment from him knowing wer[y] well that such a complaint is frivolus and that ye Govrnour of Metchlepatam hath no power in the placeing or displaceing of any of ye Hono^ble^ Compa^s^ servants that after his departure from ye fort your Worp^ll^: Etc^a^; haveing conferred upon him the place of dubass in this ffactory he had no other thoughts nor designes than minding ye hono^ble^: Companyes service here y^t^ upon his goeing to Beswar Etc^a^ by our order upon ye Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: business w^th^ [our] leave he tooke Metchlepatam in his way back to bring his family hither at his arrivall there some of his Enemies made a complaint to ye Governours chiefe Naigue that

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he pretended to a Cast of which he was not and that thereupon with M^{r}: freeman's leave he went to ye Governour to vindicate himself from that aspersion & to desire Satisfaction might by ye Naigue who was an abettor thereof and y^{t} by ye Gover^{r}: he made no complaint of Potenas either as to Potenas displaceing of him or any thing else belonging to him.

As to Vencatadres endeavouring to gett ye washers and Boatmen from Metchlepatam wee doe know that it is a thing not to be attempted to draw away any Boatmen or washers from thence who are under ye Hono^{ble}: Companys Protection or imediatly employd by them and wee do really beleive he made no such attempt. But followed the orders we gave him wch were to agree for 6 or 8 Boats to come hither to carry off ye Honorable Comp^{as}: goods abord their ships there being 100 [*A few words lost*] Metchlepatam [*A few words lost*] employed by any whether Moores Jentues or pertians and are not under ye Hono^{ble}: Companys protection and likewise wee ordered him to procure 30 or 40 washers or as many as he could well gett there being abundance of Washers employed in Metchlepatam by ye Merchants of that place, and that it is a practice to send from one place to another for a Supply of washers upon Occasion is that wch Sam^{ll}: Wales has known frequently to be used from Metchlepatam to Madapollam and from Madapollam downe as farr as Dasheroon and Corango, and frequently to Pollicull and other places where wee thought any washers was to be procured soe that Vencatadre is in this respect no way culpable nor wee in ye least blame worthy with submission to your Worp Etc^{a}: and Wee most earnestly entreat you to beleive that wee doe not in ye least employ our thoughts to ye diminution or empairing any other ffactory being very sensible the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: can reap noe advantage thereby Nor shall we ever interfere or meddle with any Concerns of others well knowing there is Employment sufficient for ye Hono^{ble}: Companys Serv^{ts}: in their Respective ffactorys and no necessity to interfere or medele wth: ye concerns of each other.

Wee shall when all ye goods are come in state our acco^{ts}: wth: ye Merc^{ht}: and see what Cash remaining the Europe goods ye perpetuanos excepted ye merch^{ts}: have taken to allow for them ye Metchlepatam prices and to be reckoned in their last payment upon ye Conclusion of their Acco^{ts}: we shall examine our Cash and deliver to them reserving so much as shall be needfull for Factory Expences to bring in proportionably of all sort of Cloth by the last of May or June and as yor: order what shall be more in Cash wee shall deliver upon ye same acco^{t} & acquaint them they must allow 6 ℔ C^{t} Intere[s]t for it.

If it pleased your Worp^{s}: Etc^{a}: to send us mony before ye next ships arrivall from England to provide Percullaes painted wee entreat yo^{u} will send us Patterns, the Painters not being able to doe anything by a Verball direction but must have a Muster to guide them & wee shall proceed. In ye procuring of all other sorts of Cloth require an early provision. Wee inclosed send our Consultations diary and accompt of cash for ye last month.

Samuell Wales desires yor Worsp^{ll} &c^{a} leave to repair to ye ffort by the last ship if you think fitt to grant it we have not more to add then the tender of our most humble servisces presented from Right Worp^{ll} S^{r}: Etc^{a}, Your most humble Servants—SAM^{LL}: WALES—JOHN GODDARD.

METCHLEPATAM, Y^{E} 11TH: DECEM^{BR}: 1682.

TO THE RT: WORSP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}
AGENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Rt: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}

Yours of 19th Novem^{br} came to our reception to w^{cb}: wee shall in a day or two perticularly reply this being only to informe your Worsp^{l}: &c^{a} that wee this day dispatched the Loyall Resolution to Pettepollee wth: what goods we had in readyness being to ye amount of Pagodas 440541-1-3 the Invoice bill Laden &c^{a} papers shall speedily follow, in the interim wee crave leave to remaine, R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Your most humble & most obedient servants—R: FFREEMAN—RICH: BROWNE.

CONIMERO DECBR : YE 18TH : 1682.

TO YE RIGHT WORPLL : WM GYFFORD ESQR :
AGENT GOVERNR &CA COUNCELL IN FORT ST : GEORGE.

Right Worpll : Sr : &ca :

Wee have two of yours before us vizt : of ye 27th : Novbr : & 4th Decbr : to both wch wee shall now give answer.

Upon Ambogee Pontulos coming downe to these parts wch : wee hear will be very sudainly wee shall acquaint him with what yor : Worp : &ca writ to us about the misplaceing of his Chop.

China Tombe arrived here ye 4th instant & on the same day proceded on his journey to Codalour in order to the bringing in the pagods : 500 : in goods wch : when he does wee shall then follow your orders & deliver him out pagods : 500 more.

In ours of ye 6th : instant wee acquainted you of the receipt of ye pagds : 10,000 &ca : but cannot for this yeare observe what you are pleased to order came wee had contracted with our Merchts : to deliver them out Pagods : 3000 at the sealing & delivering their contract & this was meer necessity that brought us to it else was i[m]possible for us to have come to any accomodation for this yeare, this pagods : 3000 with as much more of their owne they told us they were to inprest before hand to ye weavers they haveing what Cloth of their owne ready made or else they could not comply with ye quantitys wee desired but however since wee were forced to comply in this perticular yet they are to have noe more money issued out to them than [*A few words lost*] they bring in as your Worp &ca may observe [from] our Contract with them & [this was] ye Contract with Jerra Chitte & Paupia that wch : we made with our other 6 Merchts : was that the payment of ye Pagds : 3,000 was to be at or before the 5th : of Decbr : next insuing from ye Date of their contract this businesse wee humbly represent to your Worps : &ca : consideration and the many ill circum[s]ta[n]ces wee should lye under should wee break with those men as Shortnesse of time noe others to deale with the bad report it would bring upon the English reputation they would be apt to say our actions were ye products of design rather than the effects of Justice and yt such proceedings would appear as if wee intended a depredation upon their persones, besides on the other hand should wee not deliver them money when their occasions called for it our Invest would lye still soe wee should wholly overthrow what wee have wth : soe much paines & Industry been raising up Wee are well assured that these men are responsible, and yt severall of ym is w[o]rth more then what wee delivered out to them at first & they are joyntly and seperatly bound for one another & some of them alwaies with us and this wee humbly refer to your Worsp &ca : hopeing since wee lye under such circumstances you will be pleased to belive that tis necessity alone & the present emergency of our affairs that makes not able to comply with your orders but for the constituting a new Compa : for the next years investmt : wee shall not punctually observe & have [*A few words lost*] regard to wht : you have soe rationately directed us.

Notwithstanding our often sending for [Viboga] Chitte &ca : wch has not been lesse then 7 or 8 times wee cannot get them nigh us, first they began wth : an excuse the rivers were high then yt they were coming out & that blue heron crossed their way & frightneed them home againe poor things then that they could not come til Gopall Pu[n]dit came to Porto Novo and at last that they durst not come for fear of him but now wee b[e]gin to perceive tis all Knavery & that they neaver intend to come nigh us. Our utmost endeavours shall not be wanting in the settlement of our new Compa : to perswade them to a greater abatement & wee have found by takeing some paines that they may be workt upon, as likewise for improvement in ye quantitys of cloth wch : wee doupt not but to make very considerable wee shall likewise endeavor to persvade them to take $\frac{1}{4}$ of ye investment in Europe goods and upon the termes you speak of.

Wee observe what you are pleased to order us about ye amount of our Invoice & the Codalour remaines for all wch : we shall give you credit accordingly wee

take notice of y^{e} payment of y^{e} Lascars and your orders concerning Chinna Tombe lading his goods upon the Sloop all w^{ch}: shall be exactly comply'd with.

Wee have had the Lascars Serang Tandel &c^{a} under examination about their coming away from ye Fort without order & they all agree in one story Viz that twas distresse of weather that drove them from their anckors & that if they had staid the sloop would have sunk in the road & this wee find [*A few words lost*] shee came away without the souldiers, wine, arrack &c^{a} all w^{ch}: wee presume will be very necessary for our Factory.

Our orders have been very often repeated to our Merch^{ts} not to trade in those places or with those weavors ye Madras Merch^{ts}: deale with & upon the receipt of your second order wee moved it to them againe to which they promised complyance.

Wee are at a losse what to doe with Chinna Tombe when he brings in his cloth, for wee have none of his musters to short by & wee beleive he will be ready to impose any trash upon us & at what rates he pleases we therfore desire you would be pleased to give us some orders & directions how to proced in this affeir.

The pag^{ds}: 5000 w^{ch}: you sent us wee received the 7th: instant, but some part of it will lye our hands because you are pleased to order us not to deliver out money without it is to ℘sons that bring in their stocks w^{ch}: wee have noe hopes of this yeare when we sent for ye pago^{ds}: 15000 we had a promise of about pago^{ds}: 14000 to be provided in all the sorts of Cloth & this was to be done by ℘sons very responsible all of them Partners to Viboga Chitte, who himself then gave us a promise of coming to us very speedily but since your orders came wth: a prohibition to deliver out money and theirs being only a verball promise without any thing of a joyn[t] contract we have humbly acquiesced & soe still keep our money by us til farther order these mens names are Viz^{t}: Padoa Chitt[e], Tombee Chitte, Rama Chitte, Paupia Kishnama & Jerra Chitte.

Tis noe small satisfaction to us that you have been pleased favorably to accept of our honest endeavours, we will yet give you this farther assurance that nothing but impossibility itself shall defeat or circumvent any of our designs w^{ch}: Shall all concenture in the Hono^{ble}: Compa^{s}: intrest & that nothing but unknown Circumstances, crosse future events and contingencys shall make us fail in our promise w^{ch}: shall be to doe all that men are able to performe and wee shall rest satisfied haveing been admitted all of us the honour of being known to your Wors^{p}: y^{t} such emergencies as these may plead in our behalfs upon any disappointment or failure.

Jerra Chitte & Paupia we are assured are able and sufficient men, & they are joyntly bound in the Contract & one of them alwaies with us besides we are inform'd they are in partnership with Viboga Chitte at Codaloor soe we apprehend but little danger of bringing bad de[b]ts upon ye Comp^{a}: from them & as to ye weavers we have delivered noe money into their hands but sent it up with a Cou^{ple}: of our & the Naigue of our Peons the summe wee sent up is but pago^{ds} 500 & this was to be delivered out but in small parcells at a time to ye weavers two of these men wee keep here for our security Our Contract with them was for 50 Corge Pettelas to bring in to us in 2: months & 10 dayes from ye 18th: Novem^{br}: what they fall short of in the quantitys they are to allow us 25 ℘ Cent for it.

Wee sent for all our Merch^{ts} & made a [pro] position to them of constituting them againe joynt Comp^{a} & of a new investment that was to be made against [*A few words lost*] May they seem'd well content with what we tould them about bringing in their shares & other ye orders and directions yo^{u} are pleased to mention about ye settling of this affair and truly wee have very fair hopes that wee Shall conclude this businesse according to your expectation & the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{s}: benefit.

Wee are in great want for packing stufe our cloth will all lye unbaled in our Godowns we have not yet all ye musters you will find in our contract with Jerra Chitte what tis we want w^{ch}: wee intreat may be sent us the two Cowles wee have recd.

It shall be very hard for Sumboges ministers to get any money of us, for as they are eminent in imployment they will make that very greatnesse a pretence for their knavery and a protection from Justice itself soe that if they or any other Govern^rs : come to tempt us in y^t kind they shall be sure to find us ready armed against such assaults : for by one plasible evasion or other wee shall send them away as wise as they came.

You will find ye names of the 6 Merch^ts : in the contract we made with it being in our consultations w^ch : we now remit to yo^u with our Diary & Acco^ts : Cash for the months of Octob^r & November.

Wee now return yo^u : the 15 bags w^th : Strings & shall get the Metch^m : books you were pleased to Send, copied out as soon as we can but at present businesse sits very heavy upon us.

Wee have setled our Washers at 5 ℘ C^t : cheaper then ye present Madras prices.

Some of the Govern^rs of the adjacent [Casteles .] sometimes come to give us a visit more wee suppose out of gain then respect tho they Pretend ye latter wee want some knives small prospectives & sword blades to present them it may not be ill bestowed, because they are men of Command & upon some occasions may doe us a kindnesse in forwarding our cloth which comes through their Government.

Wee have now brought in to us by our Merch^ts :

Long cloth	... ... ps	1000
Sallampores	... ...	2300
Bettelas ...	... ...	200
	P^s :	3518 [*sic*]

all which is ready chopt & Sent to washing & there is a great deale more at the Merchants howses ready to be brought in to us.

Wee have now given a perticular answer to both your letters w^ch : wee humbly refer to your wise considerations wee shall therefore now conclude these respectfully remaine, Rt Worsp^ll : S^r : &c^a : Your most humble servants John Willcox.—Rich^d : Milton—Ralph Ord.

Trancelate of a lr̃e from our Higib Vira Ragavia from Golconda to ye Rt Worp^ll : W^m : Gyfford Esqr : Govern^r Dated ye 12 Xber 1682.

I rec̃d y^e : lett^r : your Worp^e sent me and observed the Contents thereof your Worp^e sent a lr̃e for his Lordship Brameny Madana haveing likewise sent ye vallue of 150 pa^ds : in Gold Chaines when his Lordship sent for a veice weight and orderd me to present the same as a present from your Worship to his sonns Marriages, I have Accordin[g]ly delivered him yor : Worp^s letter and gott Brameny Velegandula Yancana to speak to him in our Behalfe to accept our present w^th : a good will, and wheras wee did not send him the gold Chaines to the weight as he desired he would not accept it saying it was to little, Concerneing w^ch : I spoke to Velegandala Yancana to Accquaint his Lordship that we did [duely] present it to him against his sons Marriage to w^ch : he replyed me that tho wee intended it soe that it was noe great matter and he did not Esteeme it much and y^t if wee did give it as presant wee should give him presents for 2 or 3 Seaports soe I keep the s^d Gould Chaines by me his Lordship Madana doth expect to have from us as much as he desired soe yo^ur Worsp^s may please to order me how I shall behave myselfe in it seing his sones wedding Cost him a great sum̃e of money which [*A few words lost*] all the Great persons and Cap^ts : already to pay him againe.

Your Worp^{e} : Sent me 2 pago^{ds} for guilded paper w^{ch} : I have bought 5 quier and sent it you by the bearer hereof there i[s] noe nues stiring heare abouts ye Kings affaires but it is a[s] it was before soe you may please to lay yo^{ur} : Wors^{p} : firther Co͠mands upon mee.

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E} 15 X^{BR} : 1682.

TO THE RIGHT WORS^{PLL} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Right Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Our last of the 11th : Currant advised you the dispatch of y^{e} : Loyall Resolution ye Invoice then not being Compleated we send it now over land to Pettepollee wth : ye bills of loading supposing they may [be there] time enough before her dispatch from thence soe wishing her a good voyage to you, wee remaine, Right Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} : Yo^{r} : most hum^{ble} : & most obed^{t} : Servants. R : FFREEMAN— RICH : BROONE.

PETTIPOLLEE Y^{E} 20TH OF [DECEM^{BR} : 1682]

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^{LL} : W[I]LLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
AGENT & GOVERNO^{R} : &C^{A} COUNCELL :

Right Worsp^{ll} S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Yesterday wee gave dispatch to the ship Loyall Resolution & in a short Letter wee advised yo^{u} that wee had Laden upon her 121 Bales of Callic[o]es for acco^{t} : of the Hono^{ble} : Company & there inclosed sent yo^{u} : one of the bills of Ladeing for y^{e} same, another comes hereinclosed with the Invoyce of y^{e} goods Laden upon the said Ship amounting to pago^{ds} 9885–$\overset{fa}{23}$--$\overset{Cas}{2}$ wee shall now reply to the contents of yours of y^{e} 7th Curra^{t} : wee have againe propoused the abatement of the hole 5 ℔ Cent wth : our Merch^{ts} : and doe assure your Wors^{p} : &c^{a} : wee shall leave noe possible meanes unattempted to bring them to it the next year and wee shall lett them know that the Metchlepatam Merch^{ts} : have abated 8 ℔ C^{t} : upon their Saile cloth and require the same from them some of them are at present absent whome wee have ordered to bee sent for on that purpose wee shall take care that they and all those that have any dependancy upon them shall not bee Merchants for the Duch if they come to settle here and likewise the Merch^{ts} : to engage the weavours for the same, this ship being now dispatcht wee shall send Venkatadrye to treat with the Governour to secure his friendship on our side nor shall we notwithstanding all the disputes with Merch^{ts} decist from urgeing the 5 ℔ Cent abatement for the next yeare and advise them as you direct that if they will keep exactly to the Musters you will not without great re[a]son expect any farther abatement from them.

Wee doe assume yo^{ur} : Wors^{p} &c^{a} : that ye deareness of our house rent and other great Charges were unvoydable wee shall trouble you noe longer for assistance in writeing till such time as yo^{u} are better able to furnish us or thinke fitting soe to doe tis true ye I[n]vestment of their goods at Metchlepatam is much Larger wch onely swells the Invoyces Wee cannot at present remedys the Inconveniencys of our charges Dyett &c^{a} provisions of all sorts being very scarse if the settlement bee Contineued they may become Cheaper.

Our Governour haveing bee[n] for a Considerable time Sick wee have made noe overtures of a present to him, but now hee is recovered Shall send our dubash to discourse him about a private present to himselfe without mentioning any thing to the King and thereby take away demands for the future one that Acco^{t} :

Wee have some Musters of paintings which wee shall send you for your approbation Sam^{ll} : Wales haveing seen none of those provided at Metchlepatam as before advised wee Laden on board this ship Bales 121 there are a Considerable quantity of goods a[t] the Washers whi[c]h wilt be shortly brought in the Golcondah and [?] bring all Betteelaes [will] likewise follow soe that wee hope the last ship

shall not bee detained here, noe farther then what is berely necessary nor shall wee bee less carefull exac[t]ly to sort the goods according to Muster and to make an abatement of what goods fall short thereof.

Wee are now Supplyed with the boates for this yeare business sufficiently ye want of washers will bee some hinderance to us which Inconveniance wee shall take care to Remedye against next year wee have noe more to add then most respectfully to subscribe ourselves. Right Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a} Your most humble servants, Sam^{LL}: Wales—Timo: Harris—Jo: Goddard.

the accompa[n]ying Packett from Metchlep^{a}: wee thought fitt to send by land there being Tappyes one ye road haveing noe directions in ye Metchlep^{a}: Gennerall to send it by the ship.

Xm^{br} 22^{t}

Wee have with much difficulty brought ye Merch^{ts}: to ye abatement of 8 ℔ Cent upon ye saile Cloth w^{ch}: they have now condicended to.

Id S: W
T: H
J: G.

Dacca June y^{E} 30TH 1682.

Worp: Matthias Vincent &c^{A}: Councell.

Sirs

Wee are answering yor paper called M^{r}. Sa: Hervy's charge, w^{ch}: yo^{u}: might more truly have entituled a charge against y^{e}: Factors at Dacca, because divers perticulers therein reflect on us jointly & sev^{ll}: others conserns him no further then as he is Cheife of y^{e}: Councill in this Factory (the hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: buisness being mannaged by Consultation).

But yor: inveterate malice & hatred to him is become so excessive & vissible, y^{t}: yo^{u}: have not forborn to impute to him perticularly, w^{t}: yor: Selves a little after charge as y^{e}: faults of us all.

Some of yor: accusations are in themselves absolutely false, and forged.

You clamour agst: him for neglect of such buisness, w^{ch}: to effect was utterly impossible for us.

You rip up old, & impertinent triffles, to swel your charge (y^{t}: y^{e}: nomber of 11: Articles may look big, & terrible) whereas they have long since been answered by him, beyond the reply of envy it Selfe.

You blame him for want of large Investm^{ts}: & pretend thereby damage to y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: when wth: all yor: arts, Subtill dealing & power, you have a long time Striven, & still continue not onely to disgrace us the Factors, but ruin this Factory it Selfe.

You charge us wth: Prophaness, but forgett your owne gross Hypocricyes.

You complayn of Mr Hervey's reviling the Cheife of Hugly, but you perticularize not wherein, whilst your constant discourse of him is with Such blackness & malignity of actionable words, & expressions as a civill Court of Judicature in England, would & Still may Severely punish you for.

And as if yo^{u} were wholly lost to all Christian [Charity,] good manners & modesty, you blot yor: paper with filthy obscene railing about whores &c^{a} wch you ground you say on the assertion of some Englishmen (but who they are you name not) never remembring yor: owne openly scandalous, & unchast lives.

Al w^{ch}: this our answer Shall fully demonstrate wth: this premise, that tho: it be directed to y^{e}: Cheife &c^{a} of Hugly, we nevertheless doe not entitle every distinct person thereof, to w^{t}: wee say, having assurance that some y^{t}: signed y^{t}: Lre: Aprill 8th: 1682: as divers others before it were induced thereunto out of fear, for quietness sake, & the like, neither does y^{e}: Cheife here, as is y^{e}: practice of ye Cheife of Hugly, desire of, or impose on any man, to subscribe to things he knowes not, or is not concern'd in, wherefore (as to this yor: charge) M^{r}: Hervy answears for himselfe, & y^{e}: 2^{d}: & 3^{d}: for themselves, to w^{t}: each is properly oblidged to, & no farther, except to some perticuler passages to w^{ch}: they are wittnesses for him.

But certainly M^{r}: Vincent nere expected this accusation should come to be answeared thus, he concluded 'twas enough he said it, & y^{t}: therefore it would be taken pro confesso else on our request in our Lr̃e of Octob^{r}: 16th: 1681: wherein wee desired a Coppy of Jno: Pow[n]setts Examination, & y^{e}: Consultation thereof (w^{ch}: he himselfe was neaver yett premitted to see) we should have had it sent us, (M^{r}: Hervy then hoping to make his reply to w^{t}: might concern him, hearing of something hatching agst: him) but in Stead of such faire dealyng yo^{u}: answer in yo^{rs}: of Novemb^{r}: 7th: 1681. M^{r}: Hervy wee suppose ere long may be called [downe to answear . . .] have understood from Jno: Pownsett when herewth: Sev^{ll}: other things, & then he may see all as they lye (wch last word is very Significant, i.e., noteable, the whole charge being very barren of truth) so y^{t}: it appears M^{r}: Vincent did conclude his great power wth: the late Agent (how grounded all men notoriously guess) had like the Load stone a derivative quality thro him to touch y^{e}: present, but God be praysed a rich man is sometimes baffled in his unjust & foolish expectations, & y^{e}: present Agent &c^{a}: have exprest more equity, & good conscience, y^{n}: to suffer our implacable Enemies, & accusors to be our Judges; but to proceed to y^{e}: matter.

ARTICLE PRIMO.

You begin thus,

"That in the year 16$\frac{80}{79}$ when he was dispatched with orders and Instructions "for presenting of Nabob Shahesteh Cawn, at his last return from Dilly to Dacca "y^{e}: primo March he delayed his departure from Hughly, tho severall times "urged by the Cheife to be gone, till y^{e}: 18th: day of D^{o}: M^{o}: of March.

Answer.

M^{r}: He[r]vy's orders were dated p^{mo}: march he grants and [. . .] were him till some dayes after, and then were severall times remanded back by M^{r}: Vincent, one day to interline a clause, wch he did wth: his owne hand (the orders being writt by another) another day to add a postscript signed Matt^{s}: Vincent, Geo: Peacock, Jno: Thomas, another time to add a 2^{d}: postscript Signed M: V G: P: J: T: another time to add a 3^{d}: postscript signed M: V: & another time to add a 4th: post[s]cript signed M: V: as the papers before us now demonstrate and all these additions & alterations hapned by reason of casual discourse from day to day between M^{r}: Vincent and M^{r}: Hervey, after ye orders were first given him, [*A few words lost*] it was well known both to M^{r}: Vincent M^{r}: Charnock & divers others, y^{t} M^{r}: Hervy was Sick then, and under a course of Physick, y^{t}: y^{e}: weather was extreamly unseasonable, and divers dayes unfitt for travaile, y^{t}: one of the boats proved leaky, & was faine to be mended, y^{t} one of y^{e}: Dandyes dyed Suddainly, some fell Sick & others run away from their charge, nor [did] the Cheife of Hugly ever urge him as you affirm to bee gone, knowing these accidents & making it indifferent then, whither he went 10: days sooner or later.

ARTICLE 2^{D}:

That after this he triffled away the time between this place & Miradpore (a place in y^{e}: way to Dacca, w^{ch}: he was enorderd to touch at & take 2: Persian horses w^{ch}: were to be sent him from Cassumbazar to present y^{e}: Nabob withall, & Rupees 10000: for acc^{o}: of y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}:) he not getting thither till y^{e}: 29th: March w^{ch}: was 11: days, whereas y^{e}: Cheife departing hence 21: dayes after him, y^{e}: weather being hotter, less water in the river, & in as great a Comp^{a}: going to Settle a new Factory at Malda got to y^{e}: same place in 5 days.

ANSWER.

A credulous man y^{t}: is not acquainted wth: your manner of writing would from this beleive that M^{r}: Hervy was ordered to touch at Miradpore, but tis perfectly false, he never was orderd to touch or Stay there, nor is y^{t}: place so much as named in his orders, wch wee all affirm, having divers times read over y^{e}

same, nevertheless he did goe to Miradpore, and reached it in 9 days (not 11 : as you say) for tho he left Hugly Factory 18 March at night, yet he proceeded not on his way till the next morning, and gott to Miradpore y^{e} : 27th : (not y^{e} : 29th : as you affirm) & the reason was because he went 3 : or 4 : easy dayes Journy in expectation of Jno : Price Vacqueil who was left behind, & wth : out whome y^{e} : Presents were not to be given y^{e} : Nabob, & all y^{t} : have travailed by water 'twixt Hugly & Dacca, know y^{t} : laden Oolaacks generally make it 14 days, & Miradpore is y^{e} : better part of y^{e} : way, because to y^{t} : place they goe agst : y^{e} : stream, but onwards thence they are carryed wth : a mighty current, the River being a considerable arme of y^{e} : Ganges, & if y^{e} : Cheife of Hugly did gett thither in five days, it may be because he was not oblidged to stay for laden boats, but went in a nimble Bugera wth : 24 : Oars, & possibly y^{e} : weather being hotter, travailed in y^{e} : night too, but if not, yet the atcheivement is no mighty one, y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{a} : got no more by these 5 : days then they lost by those 9 : so wee presume y^{t} : matter is not much.

Article 3^{D} :

That when y^{e} : said Hervy was gotten to Miradpore he did not stay for y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Persian horses, or treasure as enorderd but proceeded to Dacca without them, pretending in a gr̄all sent after from Dacca, y^{e} : 17th : Aprill that year, and rec^{d} : here y^{e} : fine of said M^{o} : that his casual falling out wth : a Zimmendar or Farmer of y^{e} : Countrey thereabout to have been the cause of his so hasty leaving y^{t} : place, w^{ch} : y^{e} : Cheife coming to y^{e} : same place some 12 dayes after found to be no Such thing, as had it been true it had been a very f[r]ivolous Excuse.

Answer.

This is also after the old Style at randome, for when M^{r} : Hervy was gott to Miradpore he did Stay for y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Persian horses, & treasure (& ye 28th : being the Lords day) wrote early 9th : to M^{r} : Littleton Cheife &c^{a} : at Cassambazar, to send y^{e} : same forwards to him, & if y^{e} : horses & money were to be sent M^{r}: Hervey from Cassambazar to Miradpore as M^{r}: Littleton & M^{r}: Nedham (who signe this yor : Lr̄e of Aprill 8th : 1682 wth : y^{e} : rest) affirme now in ye 2^{d} : Article of yor : charge why did they refuse to send y^{e} : same by their Lr̄e of March 31th : 1680 : alledging then they had no orders so to doe, & if M^{r} : Hervey as you no[w] say was orderd to stay at Miradpore for y^{e} : horses, & mony, and M^{r}: Littleton & Needham did then advise they had no orders to send them, it follows M^{r} : Hervys fault was that he did not stay at Miradpore till Littleton &c^{a} : had wrote to, & rec^{d} : orders from Hugly, w^{ch} : is ridiculous pray please to peruse those said Letters of 29th : & 31th : March 1680 : and you will see how shamefully they See pa℘
and the Articles contradict one another, that M^{r} : Hervy did not Stay just at N^{o}: 1:
Miradpore but a place near it, was because of a quarrell y^{t} : hapned 'twixt some of his dandyes & y^{e} : Zimindars Peons, w^{ch} : he advised yo^{u} at large Aprill See pa℘
17th : following from Dacca, nor can y^{e} : Cheife of Hugly weaken this Assertion, N^{o} : 2:
tho he says he came to the same place 12 : days after & found no Such thing, does he mean he did not find the men fighting 12 : days after, or y^{t} : he found no marks of blood, or Slaught^{r} : nor heard Sound of blowes, nor noise of cryes, and clamors, all these he might have missed 12 : days after, tho armies of 50000 : men had been engaged, or does he thinck he can thus prove a Negative if the Cheife here Should argue thus, assuredly he would call him clod Pate, but if this be true as certainly it is, & many Servants now in this ffactory do with it before us all, it was no frivilous excuse but of necessity to leave that place for another not far off it, for he that Shall know his Servants in fault having allmost murdered one of y^{e} : Governm^{t} : Peons, & Shall not endeavour to avoyd (by passing Away) the fury of y^{e} : mad multitude in Such a distemper having a considerable charge of y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{a} : as M^{r} : Hervy had, is so far from discretion as he scarsely deserves to be intrusted or employed, and if any mischeife had hapned at y^{t} : time by M^{r} : Hervy's Stay at Miradpore, you yor : Selves would have been y^{e} : accusors of

him, therefore if now you thinck such triffles as these are a charge agst: him, you would certainly then have demanded Sattisfaction for the hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}; damage, & forthwith dismissed him his employm^{t}:

But wee remember very well you did then enflame this matter exceedingly to y^{e}: late Agent Master, who as you had desired, threatned M^{r}: Hervy wth: Suspention, yet he required his defence and it was sent you as appears by our Lr̃es &
See pa℣ N° 3: Dyary Nov^{br}: 3^{d}: 1680: and to y^{e}: day of your revivall of this old Story wee have not heard a word more thereof, nevertheless because y^{t}: defence is at large an answer to these 3: Articles wee desire you to send it forward to y^{e}: Agency, if you have not done it formerly, if you have it will doubtlessly be found amongst y^{e}: pa℣s or Registers at y^{e}: Fort.

Article 4TH:

That notwithstanding the said Hervy was enordered y^{e}: 10th: July 1680: to get out Severall Phirwannas under y^{e}: Seals of Nabob Shaesteh Cawne & y^{e}: Kings Duan Hogge Soffee Cawn, conformable to y^{e}: new Phyrmand granted lately to y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: by y^{e}: King and frequently afterwards from time to time urged to hasten them he being furnished wth: all things necessary for effecting the same, yet he Still delayed, or did not [*a word lost*] it as he ought by w^{ch}; means y^{e}: hugly [piscash of rup^{s} . . .] was paid y^{t}: year, & tho at least wee found y^{t} two of the Kings Duans Phirwannaes were dated y^{e}: 2^{d}: & 8th: Octo^{br}: 1680: and the Nabobs gen^{ll}: Phirwanna was dated 17th: January following yet he the said Hervy, did not send them hither till 31st: May 1681 & they came not to [hand] untill y^{e}: 14: June following.

Answer.

Hitherto you have seemed to rally onely, whilst you bring back from Oblivion, old insignificant, but yet answered Storyes, & passagees, in this Article you thinck you set upon us sorely, and wth: y^{e}: noisy Artillery of big, & sounding words, as King, Phyrmaund, Nabobs Kings Duan, Phyrwanna, Rup^{s}: 3000: &c^{a}: you would endeavour to perswade a beleife, wee must infallibly fall at this battery, this looks at first dash to a fresh man as unanswerable, but when wee shall have unmasked the matter, it will shew very weak and thin, & in y^{e}: intention of it, has as little of truth as any that preceeded it, our buisness is onely to epitomize, as concisely as we can all generall Lr̃es, & Dyaries relateing thereto, & then what wee Seek for, but you endeavour to disguise & conceal Viz^{t} the whole truth will appear thus.

In yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 2^{d}: July 1680: you advise "the Kings Phyrmaund is "obtained, & on y^{e}: way pray take advise there, & write whither it will be "necessary or no for our Masters advantage y^{t}: wee send it to you, and whether "wee Shall if at all, send the originall copy attested by the Corree aloft, of this "faile not to advise throughly.

This Lr̃e came to us y^{e}: 10th: July & was answered y^{e}: 12th: D^{o}: 1680: by us in these words "y^{e}: Phyrmaund as wee apprehend and are advised, ought of "necessity to be sent hither to be shewed y^{e}: Suba, Duan [*a word lost*] Corree, "Wacka Nevis &c^{a}: & divers authenticated coppies thereof are to be delivered "severall Duftors, but pray let it come by boat, & wth: extraordinary caution for "fear of miscarrying, July 10th: 1680: you sent us coppies of the Phyrmaund &c^{a}: (w^{ch}: we rec^{d}: 17th: d^{o}:) but no originall, Augst: 21st: 1680, you sent us y^{e}: originall & it arrived here 3^{d}: Sept^{br}: 1680, the Kings Duan being an old & very infirm man, did not appear often publickly, as is y^{e}: Custome of such great Officers to doe, wherefore tho wee constantly endeavoured it wee could not gett an opertunity to see him till y^{e}: 9th: 7^{br}: 1680 but then wee did & presented him with our Phyrmaund &c^{a}: papers, all w^{ch}: he read deliberately & orderd coppies to be taken thereof, for his further perusall & Satisfaction, & then he promised to grant his Phyrwannaes thereon, our Vacqueils from this time forwards attending y^{e}: Duans Durbarr for y^{e}: promised Phyrwannaes, brought us word Sep^{br}: 14th: 1680: that the Mutsuddyes unless we gratifyed would not write us a perticular Phyrwanna for discharge of y^{e}: Rup^{s}: 3000: yearly piscash, but onely a Short

one relating to the Phyrmaund, y^{e}: 13: 7^{br}: 1680: you writt us you are come to an agreem^{t}: wth: y^{e}: Govr: of Hugly about y^{e}: paym^{t}: of y^{e}: yearly piscash, & have engaged for an answear in 15 days, but ere y^{t}: yor: Lr̄e came to us 'twas the 27th: day of y^{e}: M^{o}: so that 14: of y^{e}: 15: days were gone at our first Sight of y^{t}: Lr̄e, by this 'tis manifest y^{t}: both for y^{e}: agreem^{t}: & paym^{t}: of y^{e}: Rup^{s}: 3000: also wee are cleer.

But upon a nearer enquiry into this matter 'tis apparent you had a desire to pay y^{e}: same, for first, w^{t}: need had you to come to an agreem^{t}: of 15 days, when you could Shew him y^{e}: Phyrmaund &c^{a}: papers, whereby the King released us thereof, it was y^{e}: Gov^{rs}: buisness to write to y^{e}: Duan hereab^{ts}: & not yo^{rs}: to agree for 15: days when you tooke care also yor Lr̄es should be 14 days in coming to us.

Secondly y^{e}: paym^{t}: of y^{e}: Piscash [used in M^{r}: Clavells time] to be in Novemb^{r}: & Decemb^{r}: and rarely so soon as [October] this wee can prove by gen^{ll}: papers now by us, & wee beleive old Cash books will doe the like, what necessity was [there] you Should be so hasty to pay it, in Sept^{br}: by agreement too, & when you and y^{e}: Govr: also saw the Phyrmaund released it.

Thirdly y^{e}: Govr: you grant in said Letter of 13 Septem^{br}: 1680: wrote to y^{e}: Duan ab^{t}: it, & in yor: favour likewise, certainly he will Stay for an answer ere he demands y^{e}: mony, w^{t}: need now for y^{e}: 15: days agreem^{t}:

Fourthly it appears further by our Consultation of 28th: 7^{br}: 1680: y^{t}: our Vacqueil had oblidged the Mutsuddyes to delay an answer to y^{e}: Gov^{rs}: said Lr̄e: till our Phyrwanna was granted and passed y^{e}: Chaap.

Fifthly tho you made this unnecessary agreement to pay y^{e}: Rup^{s}: 3000: in 15: days, and tooke care as wee have proved y^{t}: 14: of them should be spent ere wee had notice thereof, it's evident by yor: Said Lr̄e of 13: 7^{br}: 1680: you were not desirous that limitt should be observed by us, for yor: words are "wherefore would desire y^{t}: you hasten it, so y^{t}: it may not be delayed much beyond y^{t}: limitt," here your Selves Streatch, & bread yor: owne limitt & not wee, and 'tis well worth the Agent & Councells enquiry whether or no yo^{u}: make these Rup^{s}: 3000: or any part of them paid out of Cash, wth in or before y^{e}: M^{o}: of Septemb^{r}: 1680: if you doe it's undeniably certain you are desirous to pay the same, & not forc't to it as you pretend, for if yo^{u}: agree to pay that money in 15: days, & pay it accordingly or before, and yet give us leave to exceed y^{e}; limitt in procureing a Phyrwanna w^{ch}: will certainly excuse it, you consent to it's payment & wee are not in any fault therefore, besides M^{r}: Hervy well knows M^{r} [Vincent] had a great deal of trouble about his perticular buisness from y^{e}: Govr: Ally Nucky by name, and if he could find ways to mannâge his concerns wth: y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash, he would certainly not omitt Such an oppertunity, wee cannot tell neither whether M^{r}: Vincent may not fear the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: will question & Enquire into the reason of y^{e}: paym^{t} of y^{t}: Rup^{s} 3000: therefore he endeavours to lay it upon us now.

But looking a little further into yor: owne Lr̄es wee perceive an irreconcileable difference & contradiction about paym^{t}: of this Piscash. In yo^{rs}: of 13th: of 7^{br}: 1680: You say "Wee have engaged for an ans^{r}: in 15 days, & therefore desire you would not delay much beyond y^{t}: limitt, & yet in yo^{rs}: 24th: 7^{br}: 1680: you Say you had paid it, where are yor: 15: days now, its not likely both these Lr̄es can be true, either you did not agree for 15: days as in yor: of 13th: or else you did not pay the money as in yo^{rs}: 24th: let any reasonable man jud [*lacuna in the original*], that the Kings Duans Phirwannas were dated y^{e}: 2^{d}: Octob^{r} & 8th: Octob^{r}: 1680: & y^{e}: Nabobs Phyrwanna y^{e}: 17: Jan^{ry}: following, & yet not sent till May 31st: 1681: nor rec^{d}: till June following is a matter of no import, but if it were, it could not be avoyded for these reasons.

All persons versed in Durbar matters, know it is very usuall for ye Mutsuddyes to antedate papers, besides allowance is always made after writing for Chaaping, & after chaaping for registring, for the greedy Mutsuddyes delivering Phyrwannaes, & these gradations ever more Succeed on the other, as this Duan day a paper is wrote, the next Duan day tis chaaped, some days after 'tis regis-

tred &c^{a}: & faster then this its almost impossible to proceed, because of Custome herein, w^{ch}: to these people is the Strongest Law & argument of the Countrey, Let the Phyrwannas be dated when they will, wee mind not that, but onely the time how soon wee can [gett] them finished, into our possession, one Phyrwanna [wee] rec^{d}: 12th: Octob^{r}: 1680 the other y^{e}: 25th: and of both Coppies chaaped by y^{e}: Corree wee sent you, 26: ditto, so that yor: buisness was done to a day by us, having coppies authentick, you have no stop whatever from the Mutsuddyes of Hugly, nor could you in this case abouve any othe[r], because wee Shewed the Originalls to Cojee Innaitoola at Dacca, and then proceeding Govern^{r}: of Hugly, & also gave him coppy thereof & further at his departure, the Ray recommended us & our buisness to his [*lacuna in the orig*^{l}] by our Dyary of Octob^{r}: 12th: & Lr̃e of 26th: D^{o}: 1680: that the Originalls were kept was of necessity, till they had been Shew'd y^{e}: Ray, and Nabob, in order to procure his Phyrwanna, w^{ch}: was to be grounded, on y^{e}: Duans, & all this appears by our Dyary & Lr̃e wrote in October 1680: by what preceeds you see within the M^{o}: of 8b^{r}: wee sent you 2: Phyrwannaes, one releasing costome, the other the yearly Piscash of Rup^{s}: 3000: and in the letter of 9^{br}: 16th: 1680 you [owne] they both came to yor: hands y^{e}: 4th: of y^{e}: m^{o}:, this is a further confirmation of w^{t}: before hinted, that had you Stay'd till the usuall time of paym^{t}: of y^{e}: Piscash you had been released it, by a Phyrwanna on y^{e}: Govern^{r}: who for that reason could not have demanded it, but comparing some other Passages of y^{e}: Said 16: Novemb^{r}: 1680: wth: yor: formers of 13th: & 24th: 7b^{r}: and this your Article, agst: us, there is another considerable contradiction, manifest, and that is this.

Your 4th: Article (w^{ch}: is that wee are now [answering] says plainly) "that by "our delay of the Phyrwanna the Hugly Piscash of Rup^{s}: 3000: was paid that "year in yo^{rs}: 13th: 7b^{r}: 1680: you say "y^{e}: time of paying the yearly Piscash "in Hugly is come, and the Govr: has been very troublesome for it, so that you "have been forc't to come to a certain agreem^{t}: with him therein, he has written "to y^{e}: Duan for orders w^{t}: to doe in this concern, whither to take the said Present "this year, or whither according to y^{e}: Kings Phyrmaund [he] Shall forbear, and "you have engaged for an answer in 15 days." here 'tis evident, you say you are come to an agreem^{t}: of 15 days, forced thereto by y^{e}: Govern^{r}: troubling you, not our negligence or delay, for 'twas impossible to alleadge y^{t}: y^{e}: 13: 7^{br}: when wee had not been able to Speake to y^{e}: Duan ab^{t}: our buisness till the 9th: ditto 4: dayes before y^{e}; date of yor: said Letters, in yo^{rs}: of the 24th: ditto 7^{br}: 1680: you say "the yearly exacted Present you have been forced to pay the Govern^{r}: "being by no means perswadeable to forbear it &c^{a}:" by the way yor: certain agreem^{t}: as you call it, proves a very uncertain one, that is, no agreem^{t}: at all, for if you engage him to Stay for an answer 15; days and he will have the money in 11: where is yor: certaine agreem^{t}: but the Cheife thing to be noted is, that hitherto you write of nothing but rup^{s}: 3000: & y^{e}: yearly present, and noe man from y^{t}: yor Article, or either of those yor: Lr̃es, can imagine any thing less is meant, or intended, & in yo^{rs}: of 9^{br}: 16th: 1680: "you hope wee have done "something effectually about y^{e}: retreiving of y^{e}: Rup^{s}: 1500: lately paid," If Rup^{s}: 3,000: were paid why Should not Rup^{s}: 3000: be sought to be retreived, or if Mr Hervy according to yor Article be the occasion of y^{e}: payment of R^{s} 3000: in Septemb^{r}: 1680: it's Strange you Should never tell him or the Agent, and Comp^{a}: one Sillable thereof till Aprill 1682: in all this time he might have gone home, and have concluded with ye Honble: Comp^{a} who then would have paid those Rup^{s}. 3000: or if he was in fault hereabouts, how comes it you gave him orders to retreive it, or doe you mean he ought to pay but halfe, & you yor Selves would pay the other halfe, because of yor: certain uncertain agreement, all those things argues abundance of kindness to M^{r}: Hervy, and more then either you are used to, or he can expect, considering how faulty he was in letting Rup^{s}: 3000: be paid thro negligence, or did you imagine the retreiving ye whole was impossible, and therefore you would order but halfe to be attempted, or did you then conclude if Rup^{s}: 1500: were retreived they should be on yor: owne acco^{t}: and M^{r}: Hervy Should & ought to pay the other R^{s}: 1500: this was a

little unkind on y^{e} : other side, but if M^{r} : Hervy mistakes not very much, Rup^{s} : 1500 of this money were paid in March 16$\frac{79}{80}$: and so it will be found in yor : acco^{t} : Cash it may be, upon the whole it appears yor : Article agst : him is utterly invalid, and yor : Selves are really Accomptable for y^{e} ; payment of these R^{s}: 3000 :

Now to return where wee were before y^{e} : 16 : 9^{br} : put us out of y^{e} : way, we told you wee kept y^{e} : Duans Originall Phyrwannaes by them to procure y^{e} : Nabobs, as y^{e} : Ray had promised us, for w^{ch} : pray See our Dyary July 24th : 1680 : now wee are to tell yo^{u} : why the Nabobs were so long in procuring, By our Dyary the 25th : & 27th : 8^{br} : 1680 : tis noted y^{t} y^{e} : Nabob having seen y^{e} : Duans Phyrwanna, &c^{a} : and thereupon promised his the Cheife here going to return y^{e} : Ray & Nabob thanks for this favour, was importuned by them for Brass, & Iron Guns wch the Nabob was desirous to buy, and it is manifest by the Sequel, that had he been gratified therein, in all likelyhood, we should have had no such de[l]ayes, ab^{t} : this Phy[r]wanna as we had, but tho this Dyary was soon after Sent You to Hugly, and wee further advised you in ours of y^{e} : 3^{d} : & 25 : 9^{br} : 1680 how importunate y^{e} : Nabobs people were for them, yet you refused to send them, unless you could be certain, first w^{t} : they should be Sold for, as by yor : Lr̃e of Feb^{ry} : 24th : 168$\frac{0}{1}$: altho you had before in yo^{rs} : of y^{e} : 16th : 9^{br} : 160 : Said y^{e} : Nabob might have w^{t} : he pleased of them, and promised possitively to send them in yo^{rs} : 4th : Decemb^{r} : 1680 : our Vacqueil then still making w^{t} : excuses he could, seeing no Guns came, the Nabobs humour and fancy for the same began at last to cease, but yet the Ray put off, wth delays ab^{t} the Phyrwanna by our Consultation of January 12th : 168$\frac{0}{1}$: wee found by pressing y^{e} : matter to our Vacqueil that a present of rarities was expected, for reasons there expressed, whereupon wee forthwith made ready y^{e} : Same, and carryed it to y^{e} : Nabob, who was extreamly well pleased therewith, and the 25th : of Said M^{o} : of January our Phyrmaund was chaaped, but the Nabob would not deliver it to y^{e} : Vacqueil, ordering the Cheife himselfe to come for it, w^{ch} : he did February 3^{d} : following, there remains onely now to shew why the Nabob's Phyrwanna was kept till May 31st : 1681.

The Duans Phyrwanna for y^{e} : release of y^{e} : Rupees 3000 : being directed onely to the then Govr : Cojee Innaittoola, you desired 9^{br} : 16 : 1680 that a more valid Genr^{ll} : one Should be sought after reaching all Govern^{rs} : in answer to w^{ch} : Lr̃e [25 :] 9^{br} : 1680 wee wrote you that wee Should endeavour to procure Such an one, tho the Duan had refused it, when wee first attempted it, for w^{ch} : reason wee were forced to take w^{t} : wee could gett, at the Same time also wee advised y^{t} : the Duan was very Sickly Sate not out publicquely, & therefore buisness went Slowly on, much time elapsing, and many fruitless visitts being made by our Vacqueils to y^{e} : Duans Durbar, he being not seen on dayes proper for buisness, & they having little hopes from his Mutsuddyes, to procure Such a Phyrmaund, as the Cheife of Hugly expected, in reguard he had once denyed y^{e} : same it was then suggested by the Cheife here, that possibly continuall importunities for y^{e} : same, and also Shewing y^{e} : Nabob's gen^{ll} : Phyrwanna to the Duan might at last induce him to the like wherefore y^{e} ; Vacqueil was instructed, & orderd accordingly, the Nabob's last Phyrwanna being detained for this intent, but as y^{e} : Duans Sickness or discontent was one hindrance, so now thro : the exceeding unhealthyness of the Season, we fell all very the Vacqueil complained often and the Cheife here 4th : Aprill 1681 : by a long and languishing fitt of Sickness being made wholly incapable of attending any buisness comitted the mannagem't of y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Affairs to y^{e} : [2^{d}] in Consultation, the 21st : May 1681 : it having pleased God to restore him some small measure of health he again began to attend the genr^{ll} : buisness, & y^{e} : 23^{d} : ditto we understood also that the Duan was somew^{t}. better, wherefore the Vacqueil constantly solliciting y^{e} : Durbar as the Cheife had formerly & lately directed, he at last procured his Gen^{ll} : Phyrwanna for the release of y^{e} : Rup^{s} : 3000 : as the Cheife &c^{a} : of Hugly had desired y^{e} : 31st : May 1681 : wee sent away all the papers wee had, but this last Phyrwanna of the Duans, was not yet in our hands, the 11th : of June following the Duan seeing our Vacqueil as the Nabob's Durbar, spoke to him for some

rarities, w[ch] y[e] cheife here presented him 13 : ditto, & at the same time receaved his Phyrwanna w[ch] : being delivered the Vacqueil to gett entered & it was brought us 29th : D[o] : perfected, as also 2 : coppies thereof chaaped by the Corree, & y[e] : Same day viz[t] : June 29th : 1681 : Sent to y[e] : Cheife &c[a] : of Hugly, this is a true & conscise acc[o] : of this whole matter of the Rup[s] : 3000 : that the hon[ble] : Comp[a] : may receive the Sattisfaction they ought to have from y[e] : Concerned.

ARTICLE 5TH.

That altho y[e] : s[d] : Hervy has had frequent and often repeated orders to goe himselfe to the Principall Durbars of the Court of Dacca, a monthly allowance to those Serv[ts] : being orderd to be Settled for that very reason, that his egress & regress, might be the more facile, without affronts, from that Sort of Cattle, perticularly tho he was possitively enorderd after the Cheife came from Dacca an[o] : 1678 : wherein 2 : M[os] : time he procured, & gott out the Princes Nishaan when the hon[ble] : Comp[as] : were at their last gasp, wee say notwithstanding he was possitively enordered to goe to the Princes &c[a] : Durbars once in a week or 10 : dayes at farthest, he Slighted the Said order, hardly ever appearing there all the time the Prince continued in y[t] : Goverm[t] : w[ch] : was for Severall months, from the Cheifs leaving Dacca.

ANSWER.

The 4 : Articles past M[r] : Hervey &c[a] : for Passages of 1679 : & 1680 : in this 5th : you goe back to 1678 whither will yo[r] : Worp : &c[a] : goe at last, certainly yo[r] : Selves imagine our faults of late, are few and insufficient to harme us else you would not looke so farr backwards for matter, or if those were faults why did you not accuse us then thereof, yo[r] : Worp : may happen to be an [o]minous antiquary by this Search, and foretell that your former actions in Cassambazar, & Hugly may be inquired into, God grant no worse, & that every man be obliged to answer for himselfe.

The Substance of this 5th : Article is that M[r] : Hervy did not goe often to the Princes Durbarr 1678 : with the intermixture of an unnecessary (and uncorrection Arrogant) flourish, how excellent a Physitian your Worp : was then in curing the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : priviledges in Bengall when they were at their last Gasp.

The monthly allowance or Moutade at Durbarrs is for the Vacqueles Creditt and free admission else why it commenced by the Vacqueil in the Princes time in M[r] : Hervy's absence, and Moutade for this reason, when once Settled is ever paid, whither the Cheife be in Dacca or no, the Cheife had nothing to doe at the Princes Durbar, why then Should he goe often to create extraordinary charges, our buisness in the Princes time lay with the Mutsuddyes, Mooloock chund, & Hoggee Mamood and to those Durbars he went often, and accomplisht with them all matters whatever you committed to him, if you can prove his not frequenting the Princes Durbarr prejudiced any buisness (wee know it saved money) then you say something, else al this is little to the purpose nor is it to be called a Slighting yo[r] ; orders but a prudent quallifying them, for tho you order buisness to be done, in the place, you certainly wil not, neither can you prescribe or direct, a method for it, to one who has now 10 : years been versed in these Durbarrs, if this be not soe, pray enquire, and hear w[t] : any old experienced vacqueil [m]ay say to you.

Thus if you look over former years Gen[ll] : papers you will see the buisness of the Durbar is alwayes left to us who best know the true wayes, and Method to effect it, and many of yo[r] : and M[r] : Clavell['s] Letters to Subas, Duans & Muttsuddyes, have been kept, & not delivered (wee ever more advising you of Such accidents) the matters therein requested having been either accomplished, or not accomplishable, yet this cannot be called Slighting yo[r] : Orders.

That M[r] : Vincent cured the Comp[as] ; Priviledges when at their last Gasp, can by no means be granted, nor will any bee of that beleife, that Shall read over our Diary for June 1678 : and M[r] : Hervy is Sensible the Hon[ble] : Comittee, took notice that the Princes Nishaan was grounded on that foundation he had laid afore with the Duan, as by said Dyary appears.

But that his Worp : had a longing desire to see the Gay Sight of an Hindoostan Prince, and his Durbarr, or Court, is very apparent by his letter of June 22th 1678 : having never in al his life seen Such a Tomasha, and that he earnestly laboured to have the happiness of presenting the Prince himselfe in Person, nay when he says he fears his Nishaun, will at best be but conditionall is plaine by said letter also, by conditionall is meant restrictive to his Jaggeer wch : is as much as to say in plaine English worth nothing, for unless the honble : Compas : priviledges be generall and extend to all their buisness, & Factoryes [*sic*] the[y] are in effect no priviledges.

That his worsps : coming to Dacca then was both unnecessary & occasion of a far greater expence then otherwise needed, there's nothing truer & our sd : Duarey for June 1678 : affirmed it unnecessary then ; and our letter of July 5th : 1678 : in answer to his of June 22d : speaks in these words "if therefore Mr : " Vincent shall thinck fitt to accompany the Piscash himselfe, the creditt and honour " will undoubtedly bee the greater, but if any accident should interpose that he " cannot, or if to avoyd greater charge he judge it unnecessary to come then ye : " Piscash is to be forwarded with all speed and necessary instructions and orders, " the Dutch Director di[d] wisely therefore to forbear to come hither, and by their " Cheife of Dacca their buisness was done costing them not full Rups : 10,000 : whereas Mr : Vincent coming hither spent the Compa : about Rups : 25,000 : as wee are given to understand by the Accot in Hugly books, but of this more bee said when oppertunity Serves.

If the honble : Compas : Priviledges were at their last Gasp, then when both King, Prince, and Duan befreinded us, they have certainly given up the Ghost now, to revive them now will be a greater peece of art then it was to cure them then, but God grant al for the best.

Thus we have done wth : ye : 5th : Article and Shall now pass on to the 6th : & 7th : but they contenuing nothing but yor : discourse of whoring, and Swearing &ca: pray hold us excused that wee observe not yor : Method, but proceed to ye : 8th : and so on wherein is matter of buisness, for 'tis but reasonable to us that the honble : Compas : Affairs Should first be dispatcht, before wee talk of whoreing and Swearing.

Article 8th :

That from the 11th : day of Xbr: 1680: untill the lattr: end of Aprill 1681 : wee did not receave one generall paper letter of advice or otherwise from Dacca, and whereas Mr : Hervy at last did pretend Sickness for an excuse, it is Sufficiently apparent that he was not very Sick except in the Mo : of Aprill, however the other Factors there were well, and might have kept on their Dyary, & Correspondence hither.

Answer.

How can this be called in yor : title Mr : Hervy's charge when you accuse the other Factrs : as well as him.

Concerning Mr : Hervy's extream Sickness what has been already Said, our Dyary for Aprill, & Letters of May 22th: & 31th: are Sufficient to convince any reasonable man of the truth therein affirmed, Mr : Hervy knows how sick he was in Dacca better than yor : Worp : that lived then in Hugly, but if you can thus prove a negative again, wee know no man will undertake to dispute with, or answer you.

That the Factrs : did not keepe on their correspondence (tho the Dyary was never neglected but kept on) you have already had Jno : Powsetts answer for himselfe, when you examined him hereabouts in Hugly July 1681 : & yt : was.

1 : He had hopes of Mr : Hervys recovery.

2 : For want of an Office wch : is in every Factory, and ordered here likewise, but prohibited by you the Genll : papers could not be found readily being missed wth : the Cheifs perticulars, nor could he in that Sick Condition where they are ever.

3 : He desired your pardon for his Offence (not being willing to multiply words) and he hoped to obtain, it might not be difficult, in reguard not the least detriment hapned thereby to the honble : Compa : or any man else.

ARTICLE 9TH:

That finding no course has been taken wth: him for his breach of orders in his neglect of correspondence, and monthly sending us y^{t}: Factories Dyary it appearing to us by M^{r}: Pownsetts examination when last in Hugly before the Cheife & Councell that those 5 : M^{os}: Dyaries from Decemb^{r}: 1680 to Aprill 1681: were not composed in their due time, wee say finding things to sort thus well with him, notwithstanding our complaining to y^{e}: Agent & Councel thereof, he has again commenced the same Practice, not having sent, and directed to us any manner of gen^{ll} : paper Since y^{e} : 13th : X^{br} : last to this day.

ANSWER.

That no course has been taken so as to remove y^{e}: Factors, & Factory it Selfe long before you had mat^{r}: for this Article, was and is yor: Worp^{s}: great greife, yo^{u} : are Still labouring the same with all yor: Subtilty and power, how often have you vow'd it, & proffer'd to lay wagers ab^{t}: it also to y^{e}: laughter of all y^{t} headed you.

What you made Jno : Pownsetts Examination to be you would never permit him to know, as was said before, & indeed it has always been yor: practice, to conceal Genl: papers from y^{e} : concerned, but he does affirm now as he did then, those 5 : M^{os} : Dyaries were composed as they ought to be, & he denyes y^{t}: he ever said they were not composed in their due time, but rather in or ab^{t} : y^{e} ; same time, & if yo^{u} : have made his examination Speak otherwise, you have framed, & entered it to yor: owne likeing, & not according to truth.

That you rec^{d}: no manner of gen^{ll} : papers from us since 13th : Xbr : last to 8th; Aprill is grossly false, and our Consultation of Aprill 21th : 1681 proves it a large.

ARTICLE 10TH:

That the said Hervy has neglected to get out Sev^{ll} : Phyrwannaes w^{ch} : wee enordered him, ever Since the M^{o}: of Augst ; last to procure for the buisness of the Mint, the Governm^{t} : of Rahjamahal, the Investment at Malda &c^{a}: especially the last w^{ch} ; wee understand he the said Hervy has rather endeavoured by underhand clandestine and undue practices to hinder & utterly overthrow then to put forward, and free from y^{e} : p^{r}sent incumbrances, by his neglectse, in w^{ch} : things, & our want of Success in our buisness, occasioned thereby, the Petty Gov^{rs} : al over Bengall perceiving wee have no remedy from Dacca will certainly in a very little time be heartned (some being already) to Stop al our buisness in these parts, unless Bought of wth : large Piscashes.

ANSWER.

It's hard to say whither this whole Paragraph be more absurd, false, or malitious, for w^{t} : more absurd, then accuse us of y^{e}: neglect of those things w^{ch} : to effect is impossible, what is more false then charge us wth: matters [. . .] the whole course of our Actions, & gen^{l} : papers [clear] us off, & w^{ts} : more malitious, then to contrive an accusation both absurd & false. The Phyrwanna for the Mint at Rahjamahal was so impossible for us to procure as y^{e} : very urgeing thereof by y^{e} : Dutch Vacqueil, has for a time absolutely destroyed the buisness. In Dacca, our Ingotts ly by now for this Sole Reason, no man can coyne, & there is above Rup^{s} : 30000 : forced by the Duan from the Owners out of the Mint, and so matters will remain till a fresh order comes from the Emperour, & that the present Duan be displaced. All w^{ch}: our Dyaries for Feb^{ry} : Aprill & May 1682 : make plaine.

The Phyrwanna on y^{e}: Governm^{t}: of Rahjamahal M^{r} : Vincent himselfe has made impossible to be procured, for from the complaint cheifely of Rajubally Govr: of said place, that y^{e} : English give their Dustucks to Hindoos in great nombers, and for vast quantities of Goods, wee say from this complaint cheifely, & Boolchunds Secondarily did y^{e} : Duan demonstrate the matter to the Nabob, & King, & from [this] is the King's order now come to take custome of us 3½ ℘ Cent, and tho-

Still these complaints reached y^{e} : Duan wee had hopes, and promise of a Phyrwanna on Said Rajub Ally, yet afterwards wee received an absolut deniall of all our requests as appears by our Dyary 17th : & 19th : 8b^{r} : 1681 : in so much as our Vacqueils durst not Speake a word to the buisness of Rajub Ally. Coppie of y^{e} : Duan's Phyrwanna to Rajub Ally, & Boolchund whereby both their complaints appear, wee have Seen, and they have been read & interpreted to us, but what need wee talke of proofs to this matter, the present loss of our Priveledges forfeiture of our Phyrmaund, Stop of Trade & Custom demanded are Smarting proofs of w^{t} : wee say.

With w^{t} : true care industry & contrivances, wee prosecuted the Maulda buisness let our Dyaries of Augst : 6th : Sep^{br} : 15th : Octo^{br} : 7th : 17th : & 19th : 1681: & ffeb : 5th : and March 10th : 168$\frac{1}{2}$: & our Lre : of 23th : 7^{br} : 1681 : wth : other our gen^{ll} : papers, wel & throughly perused & considerd Speak for us, & wee gladly appeal to the Agent &c^{a} Councell, & hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : who will ere long see those Said Papers whither by all it does not appear, we came up fully to yor : orders, but went infinitely beyound yor : directions, taking many more probable wayes to effect yor : desires then you either had, or possibly knew how to p[o]int out to us, are we therefore accomptable for the Success, the honble Comp^{a} : & Agent &c^{a} : make not Such measures.

But w^{ch} : is wor[s]e must wee be blackned by aspersions so odly couched, & contrived, as if wee deserved to be ruined for all our fidelity, & pains, because of the Event, in the other matters you Say wee were negligent, but in this of Maulda you would endeavour to fix on us a devilish Sort of hatred and revenge to the hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : who imploy, & Sustain us & of whome wee can never merritt what wee enjoy, nor Speak honourably enough.

Pray let us review w^{t} : you Say—Investm^{ts} : at Maulda—" Which wee under-" stand he the Said Hervy has rather endeavoured by underhand, clandestine, & " undue practices to hinder, & utterly to overthrow then to put forward, & free " from y^{e} : p^{r}sent Incumbrances, how many venomous & murdering Ingredients " has yor : Worp̃ : put into this Granado, and yet well looked on you the Said Worp̃^{ll} : will find it wants fire to make it mischeivous & destructive.

What means the word, rather surely you entended no mittigation, had you not then better say down right endeavoured &c^{a} : no this rather is onely a hole left for your Worp̃ : to creepe out at for doubtless you would bee loath to be put to the proofe thereof.

If our endeav^{r} : & undue practices are underhand & clandestine, how then came you to understand y^{m} : why bustle you wth : words, & come not to the proofe of them, if yor : words were granted for proofs, Lord where were then ? undoubtedly yor : worp̃ : hath wrote home to England, that Hervy was in all likelyhood in y^{t} : damnable plot wth : father Whitebread &c^{a} : & that as some men report he still holds a correspondence wth : the Jesuitts, for y^{e} : utter overthrow, & destruction of King, Kingdome, & Religion &c^{a} :

But how poorely you come of at last, by his negligence in w^{ch} : things, & our want of Success in our buisness &c^{a} : now again 'tis come to negligence onely, that he must answer for w^{n} : proved, but what have wee to doe wth : yor : want of Success, must wee pay for that ? at w^{t} : rate pray.

What if y^{e} : Petty Gov^{rs} : yea & grand ones too, al over Bengal perceiving you have no remedy from Dacca will certainly in a very litle time be heartned (some begining already) to Stop all your buisness, in these parts, unless bought off wth : large Piscashes, yor : Selfe, or w^{ch} : is better yor : Worp̃ : must buy a new Phyrmaund, & new Phyrwanna Speedily, to have a care of giving or Selling Dustucks the next Tyme.

But if a closer view be taken of this Malda buisness it will be found y^{t} : y^{e} : great cry of incumbrances & Stops, on y^{e} : Investments there, is either for nothing or a very inconsiderable matter w^{ch} : yor : Selves alone & no other persons can discharge, and remove at pleasure, thus Hernarain y^{e} : Canoongoo his Factors told us, as in our Dyary of 30th : 7b^{r} : 1681 : Boolchund also Speaks, to this effect, in our Dyary 10th : March 168$\frac{1}{2}$: but Ray Nundelol most plainly & possitively, as in

our Dyary of Feb : 5th : $168\frac{1}{2}$: y^{t} : wee ourselves are a hindrance to our buisness there y^{e} : fault is o^{r} : own, and wee can reasonably blame none else.

If you will keepe up to yor : first method, & usage of trade as y^{e} : Dutch doe, you will meet wth : no let hindrance or molestation, if you had but observed w^{t} : y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : enorderd you, no trouble had ensued, y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : order you to build a Factory in Malda, & you build a Towne in Bateagopalpore, & call it Englerabaad, you are not hindred buying goods in Malda but building a Towne in another Government.

Here it may be asked by those not so well acquainted wth : this matter, why you were not contented to bee at Malda as at first, the reason's this : in Malda there is a smal duty called the Chaap w^{ch} : may amo^{t} : to ab^{t} : 2 : annas in a p^{se} : of cloth, now y^{e} : designe of building in another Governm^{t} : was to avoyd this petty duty, & possibly you might have Succeeded herein (tho wee know not whither y^{e} : remedy would not have been worse then y^{e} : disease) had you gone prudent, considerate, & propper wayes Viz^{t} : ere you had begun to build or made a Stirr with great Investm^{ts} : adressed to ye Ray, & y^{e} : Nabob &c^{a} & by a Piscash procured a Phyrwanna to erect a new Factory & Trade &c^{a} this had been a regular & likely way, & not first to build, call yor Towne Englerabaad (y^{t} : is a place peopled wth : English) make a noise & alarum wth : a great Investm^{t} : as if in a Short time you would draw al ye Countrey to you, and dispeople Malda itselfe, and then aske for Phyrwannas to warrant al this.

But it will seeme Strange to some who may read this paper, if it be so y^{t} this Small duty or Cust^{o} : of 2 : annas on a p^{s} : of cloth &c^{a} : be al the dispute why then are you not content to pay it, rather then make a great pother, & hazzard yor : Investm^{ts} especially if they doe but know that you are forced to allow y^{e} : like dutey in 100 : other places, as Nuddia, Santapore, Cogmorre, Hundial, Serepore, Dumry &c^{a} : & in Dacca itselfe (tho it is remitted now) the Chaap has been p^{d} : w^{ch} : duty in the Town's named, is an old unalterable appendent revenue, to the Land, let who will be Landlord. To Such inquiriers wee will discover the Mystery and this it is.

When the late Agent Master was last in Bengall for divers Sollid & weighty considerations not to be named now 'twas concluded on, the whole Stock of y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : (except some Small matter) should be mannaged by y^{e} : Cheife of y^{e} : Bay & his freinds, then were the Investm^{ts} : y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : appoynted at Dacca transferred to Maulda, & y^{t} : there might be some collour & pretence, for this translation, for want of a better it was argued, & soon agreed on by those whose Interest so directed that ye Chaap (a most insufferable & pernitious thing) being paid in Dacca (for now was the design layd to remove Malda Investm^{t} : to the Colsa or King's rents) it would be much to the hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : advantage to have their whole Investment of cloth at Malda, & none or but a small matter in Dacca, and to confirm this & bring matters ab^{t} : speciously there were other stratagems practized also too long & unfitt to be noted here.

And the truth hereof is Sufficiently confirmed by M^{r} : Vincent himselfe to whome when wee wrote 24th : May 1680 : that "having procured the Chaap to bee "discharged w^{ch} : was y^{e} ; reason alleadged for taking away y^{e} : Investm^{t} : from this "Factory wee desired to know whither wee might again Invest &c^{a} : the said M^{r} : "Vincent &^{a} : answ^{d} : y^{e} : 2^{d} : June 1680 : in these words "Wee having already "settled y^{e} : Investments of all Bengall, according to orders, & by Consultation "cannot for this year receed therefrom, & if you can make it appear to y^{e} : Agent "&c^{a} : y^{t} : y^{e} : ordinary charges on an Investm^{t} : made in Dacca, will not exceed "those of one made in a countrey towne, then doubtless y^{e} : order left in this case "by him & Councell will be revoaked & those propositions you now make, "enorderd to be accepted, & to them wee must referr you, here y^{e} : buisness is "plainly owned."

Now if y^{e} : Chaap in Malda, be Suddenly and without molestation consented to, the aforesaid juggle comes out too Soon, besides 'tis disreputable to y^{e} : Design^{rs} : to build a Factory, & be frustrate[d] in y^{e} : very designe it was built for, & there is a 3^{d} : conveniency to bustle mightily about this, pretended stops and

losses, and lay all on Mr: Hervy, for who knows but the Agent &ca & honble: Compa: may beleive it, & censure Mr: Hervey (till he has answered for himselfe) and then there is one of the two rubbs out of ye: way.

Article 11th:

That whereas this year 1681: ye: honble: Compa: enordered ps: 23000: of thin white cloth, as Cossaes, Mulmuls &ca: to be provided at Malda, and Dacca, we immediately on rect: of ye: said order to the formr: (because ye: late Agent & Councell had enordered ye: whole Investmt: of Said cloth to be made there so that wee might with ye: first of this year give orders for the rest to compleat ye: quantity enordered to Dacca intending God willing ye: next year to enorder those Goods in equall moityes to those two Factories, & having recd: for answer from Malda that they would send us 15000: pe: we immediately sent abt: £: 9000: of the honble: Compas: Treasure to Dacca to be invested for ye: remaining 8000: ps: demanded at this Mr: Hervy was much disgusted, and that he had not a Stock then Sent him, for ye: full moyity as in yt: Factory Dyary, & genll: Lres abt: ye: end of last year appears, making a great cry & pother about it notwithstanding al wch: wee at length found the 5th: Xbr: last he had gotten no more then ps: 3627: ready in all, altho in the very begining of ye: year (besides ye: £: 9000: Sent him in Augst: last) there has been between Rups: 9: and 10000: made given him out on said Goods by their last years books so yt: of ye: £: 9000 sent him up he had not gotten in so late as ye: 5th: of Xbr: last goods to the amo: of much above £: 2000: the goods then sent us down importing no more then Rups: 67678: 14a: in all by wch: means there seems to rest abt: Rups: 60000: on remains in cash useless there (by reason of ye: Stop on that Factory) ever Since.

Answer.

You recd: the honble: Compas: Packet by the Ann ye: 16th: tho you Say 17th: July 1681: in yors: of ye: 27th: ditto to us, & by their Lre dated Janry: 5th: $168\frac{1}{2}$ giving you to understand the[y] perceived yor: drift (wch: our answer to ye: foregoing Article notes) of keeping their whole Stock in yor: owne & freinds hands, contrary both to yr: Intrest, orders, & intentions, they first premonish you not to meddle wth: ye: Investmt: of Ballasore, nor concerning Dacca, wch: you had in a mannr: quite taken away, they give you ye: most plaine & possitive orders yt: words can express in Paragraph 6th: thus.

"Upon the same reasons wee are not onely for the continuance of our "Factory at Dacca, as well as Maulda, but likewise for buying in equall propor-"tions the same Sort of goods there yearly as wee doe at Malda, to wch: purpose "wee enjoyne you not to faile of speedily sending to both those places, equall & "Suiteable proportions of Stock wch: may answer our intentions, plainely before "expressed.

Now if you had had the least regard of observing, & answering the honble: Compas: intentions, you would have sent us this Paragraph the next day at farthest, wth: power to make what provision we possibly could of Goods, and take up money at Interest for the same till a supply of Stock could be consigned us, then wee Should have had four months time to consider in wch: we could (had you: not also hindred us otherwise) have got ready 10000: ps cloth, & this you feared no doubt, wherefore you contrarywise took all ye ways imaginable (in wch: there was any Speciousness) to defeat the Honble: Compa of their Expectations, and disgrace ye: Factrs: here, and yt: you might for the present escape unperceived to ye: honble: Compa: you intended not doubt from ye: begining as you have done now in this article to charge us wth: negligence, & want of Investmte: ye: hindrance whereof you alone laboured contrived.

Yor: Subtil ways to prjudice ye: honble: Compa: in their want of Goods hence were these.

First you kept their Lre by you 11 dayes advising us thereof not till July 27th: 1681: which wee receaved Augst: 6th: following.

Secondly you delayed us then w^{t}: an unnecessary demand of w^{t} goods wee could provide forbearing all this while y^{r}: ord^{rs}: for provission of any thing.

Thirdly you sent not yor: orders till Augst: 31th: 1631: & then by boats of Treasure too, that they might be long in coming to our hands, so that w^{t}: orders wee might well have rec^{d}: 23th: July came not to us til y^{e}: 15th: 7^{br}: whereby wee had but halfe y^{e}: time left w^{ch}: you might wel have given us, had you minded ye hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: benifitt, & not prosecuted yor: own humours, Intrest, & resolution.

Fourthly, you insinuated into a merchant of this City by yor: Agents & Spyes here and perswaded him who was even upon y^{e}: point of agreeing wth: us for ab^{t}: 4000: p^{e}: of Dacca cloth to bring the same down to Hugly to you y^{e}: last year, promising him to buy them, and to make good this wee can prove you did receive y^{e}: s^{d}: Merch^{ts}: goods into your Factory In Hugly, knowing them to be Dacca cloth, the goods were ab^{t}: 35, or 40, bales housed in the Honble: Comp^{as}: new Chappel, and the Merchants name is Chabeledas.

Fifthly, you had divers years, & have now yor: ffactors & Gomastehs in many places near Dacca, providing Cossaes &c^{a}: for you, perticularly at Cogmorree, Humdiall, & Dumry, w^{ch}: latter place is but 6: houres way from this our Factory of Dacca, but from Hugly 7: days by land but 14: by water as you receave yor: Goods.

Now if these are pra[c]tices y^{t}: agree wth: the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: orders or intentions in their aforesaid Paragraph or if they be for their advantage, let al [men] judge.

Sixt[h]ly your orders aforesaid rec^{d}: not till the 15th: 7b^{r}: 1681: were imperfect, & willfully defective, for tho you knew wee had nothing but dollars, and Ingotts from you, w^{ch}: would be long in Coyning (for Sel they will not in any quantity, but at time for Siccaes, as wee Sold them) yet you empower'd us not in any case, to take up money at Interest, so that had wee wrote to you for orders thereab^{ts}: w^{ch}: we might well have justifyed, or stayd till those Dollars were converted into Rup^{s}: & not borrowed as wee did knowing y^{e}: necessity thereof, the Season would have been spent, & y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: wholly wanted y^{e}: greatest part of what wee sent them, al w^{ch}: is more fully apprehended & mad[e] out by o^{r}: Consultations of Augst: 11th: & 7^{br}: 19th: 1681.

That we could have provided 10000: p^{s}: Cloth had you advised & enorder'd us timely y^{s}: 17: July as you might, & not have impos'd on us as you did wee demonstrate thus.

In 2: m^{os}: time wee got ready ab^{t}:	p^{s}: 3,000
Besides 2000: p^{s}: more brought in in 9^{br}: 1681: as ℘ our Dyary y^{e}: 30th: y^{t}: month w^{ch}: for want of time to prize, and make ready for the bale, were left behind last year (hereof you may note w^{t}: y^{e}: delay of 2: m^{os}: imported) in double y^{t}: time wee might well have procured more ...	p^{s}: 3000
And the Merchant whose Goods you gott to Hugly from us would have sold us	p^{s}: 4000
	P^{e}: 10000:

and this agrees exactly wth: w^{t}: we proposed to you Augst: 11th: 1681: in our Consultation w^{ch}: is well worth y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: perusall.

But upon a nearer Examination of this your article from yor: own words, & confession, we Shall make it appear, y^{t}: notwithstanding y^{e}: forementio'd plaine, full & possitive order of y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: you nevertheless did, & resolve Still to favour Malda, & prejudice Dacca al you are able.

You Say y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: y^{e}: year 1681: e[n]ordered 23000: p^{s}: of cloth from Malda, & Dacca, true, and y^{e}: words of y^{e}: hon^{ble} Comp^{a}: are "to w^{ch}: "purpose wee enorder you not to faile of Speedily Sending to both those places "equal, & suitable proportions of Stock, w^{ch}: may answer our Intentions before "expressed, had you done this then you had done regularly, but you goe yor: own way to work, for immediately on receipt of the Said order of the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: you Say you wrote away to Malda observe how exact & early you are to send to Malda al this while there goes not a Sillable to Dacca, & what did you write,

yor: own words are to know w^{t}: quantity of y^{e}: said cloth they have provided there, certainly there was little need of this Sort of writeing, you might well know from their Dyaries, & constant advises w^{t}: cloth they last provided.

But 'tis to be thought you wrote not to know w^{t}: they had provided, but w^{t}: they could possibly provide, & y^{t}: answ^{r}: makes this out, for they doe not say they had provided, but they would send you [15000] p^{s}: and if they had wrote you they would send 23000: p^{s}: then y^{e}: case is plaine Dacca had been unemployed notwithstanding w^{t}: y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: are pleased to order nor can y^{e}: Parenthesis ("because y^{e}: late Agent, & Councell had enordered y^{e}: whole investm^{t}: of Said cloth to be [made] there, according to [*sic*] wee had given our orders) help you, for let y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: order w^{t}: they will you must of necessity know yor: own orders, from yor: owne papers & also w^{t}: Malda had provided for theirs.

But when Malda could possibly provide for no more then 15000: p^{s}: then afterwards you write to Dacca for y^{e}: rest, how Malda is able to provide 15000: p^{s}: wee have noted before, you send round ab^{t}: y^{e}: Skirts of & into Dacca its Selfe for yor: goods, Viz^{t}: y^{e}: Merchants 4000: p^{s} & these you cal Malda goods w^{ch}: indeed are the very manufacture of Dacca & its adjacencyes.

Having orderd thus 8000: p^{s}: at Dacca, you say M^{r}: Hervy was much disgusted, & made a great cry, & pother about it, M^{r}: Hervey certainly, & al of us had reason to fear yor: Snares having Suffred by them once before, Viz^{t}: when you caused the late Agent Master to write home to y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: y^{t}: their Slender Investm^{ts}: at Dacca, was not the fault of y^{e}: Cheife & Councell of the Bay, but of their Factors there, but how false & undeserved y^{t}: was wee made fully appear in our Lr̃e of 9^{br}: 13th: 1680: w^{ch}: Lr̃e you Stiffled, & sent not home to y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: y^{t}: year as you ought & y^{r}: considerable Intrest required.

But there was no cry nor pother made, but often & earnest desires you would Send the enorder'd Stock hither w^{ch}: you promised in y^{rs}: of 9^{br}: 1681: tho to this hour nothing has come, but on y^{e}: other Side you have drawn away y^{t}: little Stock of mony y^{t}: we had (for yor: perticular uses) So y^{t}: y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: pay Interest now, for y^{e}: very expences of their Factory, of w^{ch}: wee have wrote you often, but you answer us not a word, so y^{t}: whereas you say, you intended God willing y^{e}: next year to enorder y^{e}: goods in equall Moyeties to y^{e}: 2: Factoryes it appears truly to be a pretence, & perfect fallacy, put upon y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: & their Servants, taking God's name in vayn to a thing you never intended.

And for a further agravation of this matter you say there were 9: or 10,000: Rup^{s}: remaining in Dacca to w^{ch}: M^{r}: Hervy answers y^{t}: in delivering out mony & recovering in remains he has had ever more the same of y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: he possibly could have in any of his own concerns, & this is easily beleived when he has told you w^{t}: it may be but few Cheifs of Factoryes can Say, that he has Since his being here recovered many doubtfull & desperate Debts of y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: made before his time but never since he has been Cheife here, w^{ch}: is now many years has he contracted one doubtfull or bad debt to y^{e}: am^{o}: of Rup^{s}: 20: altho in his own perticular he has been less Successfull.

But what an absurd & false conclusion you make from y^{e}: premises (onely you qualify it with (there seems) w^{ch}: is like yor: rather wee take notice of before) y^{t}: there rest ab^{t}: Rup^{s}: 60000: on remains in Cash, useless there ever Since, certainly yor: Wor̃p: &c^{a}: forget y^{t}: y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: & hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: may read & examine these papers how doe you make Aprill 8th: 1682 Rup: 60000: to be in our Cash, you have our monthly acc^{o}: & if you can detect willfull Errors therein, wee deserve to Suffer for them, but if you accuse us falsly, charge us wth: a great Cash & y^{t}: useless [too] when yo^{u}: know wee have made appear to you wee are at Interest by yor: fault for y^{e}: Factory Expences, yor: Wor̃p: ought to make us, but infallibly you must y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Company Sattisfaction.

And because it may seeme Strange y^{t}: wee often tax y^{e}: falsity of yor: accustations, wee will hear take occasion to review y^{rs}: of 27th: x^{br}: 1681: to some part of w^{ch}: never yet answer'd for want of a proper oppertunity, wherein there are so many forgeryes cram'd together, as no men but the Cheife &c^{a}: of Hugly would have put their hands to soe y^{t}: 'twill appear most of yor: papers to us are after the same rate.

First you say that Jno: Pownsetts demand of what he so readily, & wth: so much deference & submission, affirmed in Hugly as to M^{r}: Hervey is strange intimating y^{t}: he had accused him to you of divers things, whereas wth: great con[s]tancy, and resolution he again affirms, w^{t}: we once wrote you in our Consultation of 9^{br}: 1681: in these words "M^{r}: Pownsett answering pro[t]ested "[*sic*] y^{t}: he never had, neither could accuse M^{r}: Hervy of either neglect or "unfaithfullness in y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: concern and y^{t}: y^{e}: Cheife of Hugly did "him wrong if he charged him therewith, indeed he says very plainly at his first "coming to Hugly when called thither that his Worp: was M^{r}: Hervey's utter "enemy, and y^{t}: he would gladly have had any matter of blame or accusation to "charge him wth: all, that he used wth: y^{e}: said Pownset, many indirect & irre- "gular ways to induce him to accuse M^{r}: Hervy as first threatning him y^{t}: if "he tooke his Cheifs part he would ruine himselfe, y^{t}: he would bring "him to his Oath, send him to y^{e}: Fort &c^{a}:, & lastly that if he Bought any "goods at Hughly he would not give him a Dustuck for them, but y^{t}: notwith- "standing all this he had not charged his conscience with any lying or forged "accusation, nor could he say M^{r}: Hervy was a negligent or unfaithfull Servt: "to y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:, & again in our Lre of Novemb^{r}: 24th: 1681: in these "words" Jno: Pownsett utterly denyes (and now gives it yo^{u} under his hand [w^{ch}: pray take notice of] that he never accused M^{r}: Hervy of either willfull negligence or unfaithfullness in the hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: buisness nor can he accuse him of either to this day, but if y^{e}: Cheife of Hugly will Straine or fancy matters & conceal y^{e}: same from y^{e}: concerned, y^{e}: vanity & designed evill thereof will hurt himselfe not M^{r}: Hervy.

Then you say M^{r}: Abernethy has severall times declared y^{t}: he never knew, nor yet knows any thing of our proceedings, concerning clear[ing] y^{e}: two Sloops at Chatgam, but writeing to M^{r}: Abernethy thereab^{ts}: & sending these words of
See paper No. 4. yor: Lr̃e to him, he seemed amazed by his answer (w^{ch}: is now in our Factory), wondring we Should beleive Such Storyes of him, & affirming he did not say any such words to M^{r}: Vincent or any man else but on the contrary acquainted him how y^{e}: Rup^{s}: 3650: was disbursed perticularly.

Again you Say the Dutch by their care & diligence have their Coynage at Rajah mahal cleer, & to be carryed on in their usual way, by a Phyrwanna from y^{e}: Duan, whereas Stop upon Stop lys on our buisness in y^{t}: place, w^{ch}: words of yo^{rs}: tho very ambiguously expressed, vizt: their coynage cleer, & as if they were custome free, as you expected to bee having orderd us to get a Mauff Phyrwanna, as Coynage was mauffed in Dacca, but y^{e}: next Words are, and carryed on in their usuall way, w^{ch}: was paying Custome, yet notwithstanding this ambiguity neither wayes, are those words true, for they got such a Phyrmaund onley w^{ch}: wee refused because it answer'd not yor: expectation and orders, as appears by our Dyary of 8^{br}: 20th: 1681: & p^{mo}: ffebruary 168$\frac{1}{2}$: & Lr̃e of 29: 8^{br}: 1681: w^{ch}: to pay 4^{r} 2^{a}: ꝑ 100 when before they paid but 3^{r} 10^{a}: So that neither was their coynage cleer nor according to y^{e}: usual way.

A Little after you Say the Mint, Rajamal & Malda Phyrwannas you are well Sattisfyed might long since have been procured, & sent you, let any man living judge, whether from w^{t}: wee have said, any of those 3: Phyrmaundds were procureable, by you, but if you are well Satisfyed they might, why doe not you demonstrate, & prove the Same, that other also may have y^{e}: same Sattisfaction, & why doe you say in next lines of s^{d}: Letter time will demonstrate where y^{e}: fault lies if you are well Satisfyed, you have reason soe to bee, & if so w^{t}: need you referr to time to shew where y^{e}: fault lies.

And in y^{e}: close of yor: Lr̃e you Say concerning y^{e}: Stop on our buisness then feared, you Shall endeavour to make Such warme applications, to Ausud Cawn, the Vissier, that way ward the Stroake &c^{a}:

But where have been yor: endeavours or warm applications? how have you warded the Stroake within these 7: months past, & that the Europe Ships are first on y^{e}: Nick of their arrivall? it rather seems by the Sequel y^{t}: you b[e]leived

not our advices then Viz^{t}: X^{br}: 5th: 1681; but if the present Stop on al our buisness in Bengall be not Suddenly removed the hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Intrest will suffer Irreparably, by first yor: imprudent, and inconsiderateness, in forfeiture of their priviledges & then so long neglect since in redeeming them.

Having now done wth: yor: 11th: Article we must returne to those 2: others w^{ch}: were omitted, and [heer] again we desire yor: pardon for transgressing yor: Method, for the 7th: being a gen^{ll}: Shall preceed the 6: w^{ch}: is a perticular accusation.

ARTICLE 7th:

That swearing, taking God's name in vain, and Prophanation of y^{e}: Lords day, that day being hardly known by those ffactors (as was said there) except it be sometimes by doeing more work then ordinary thereon &c^{a} Debaucheries are y^{e}: practice of Dacca Factory as was testified by Sev^{ll}: English men very lately convers^{t}: among them & y^{t}: M^{r}: Hervy declared himselfe a Mortall or utter Enemy to y^{e}: Cheife (in that or some such way of Expression) abusing & reviling him openly & publickly in y^{e}: worst tearms he could invent, the penalty of w^{ch}: y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: themselves have appoynted in their Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell at Fort S^{t}: George dated 3^{d}: Decemb^{r}: 1679: & in y^{e}: 17: Section thereof.

ANSWER.

To prove y^{t}: wee doe not Swear & take God's name in vaine is to undertake a Negative, an easy matter for yor: Worp̃: &c^{a}: but impossible for us, the onely proofe wee have is Silence, and opening not our mouths next to a ready & willing Submission, and appeal to the Character of any men of equal credit, & reputation, who have or Shall converse wth: us shall give, and this we humbly referr to y^{e}: Agent & Councell.

Prophanation of the Lords day &c^{a}: Debau[cheryes] are y^{e}: Practice of Dacca Factory People [*a line lost*] being hardly known by those Factoryes, as was Said (mind pray as was said) these words are some kin to y^{e}: rather, & there seems gone before, & make y^{e}: matter a little dubious) except it be sometimes (pray again note is not always) by doeing more work then ordinary thereon.

The whole bent of yor: Articles answered is for negligence, & Idleness, here you grant we doe work, for doing more work y^{n}: ordinary sometimes on y^{e}: Lords Day, is yor: accusation, you Say wee hardly knew y^{e}: Lords day, how then Should we doe more work thereon, unless it be by accident.

'Its true we have neither Bel, nor Chappell, Minister, nor Congregation, if we had we would ring y^{e}: first & attend divine Service in the Second & not make a warehouse, of y^{e}: house devoted to God's Service, as you did for Chabeledas the Dacca Merc^{hts}: goods.

Wee grant we doe not know y^{e}: Lords day by extraordin[a]ry Gay clothing in y^{e}: morning nor revelling and drincking on y^{e}: top of y^{e}: house in y^{e}: Evening besides we want y^{e}: most infallible & unerring Sight of all Viz^{t}: an infamous Letter of Dooleys &c^{a}: marching after a long traine of Peons, & a Squire in y^{e}: head of them mounted to y^{e}: Popish Church or Bandell, as if Sancho were conveying y^{e}: Lady Dulcinea, &c^{a}:

But certainly S^{rs}: w^{t}:ever you are pleased in anger to say of us, wee doe know y^{e}: Lords day by other more Christian marks and where we come short of [*a line lost*]

Prayers and Divine Worp̃: are not onely the hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders, but every Christians duty, & obligation, yet y^{e}: formallity thereof without agreable practices will avail little, many are of opinion yor: 7: years prayers, wil never attone wth: the hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for yor: destroying their Phyrmand, & late dispatch of their Ships, both w^{ch}: upon an extraordinary enquiry will be found to have grown from y^{e}: same root, vizt: yor excessive Covetousness &c^{a}:

Who these Sev^{ll}: English men are very lately conversant among us, that will testifye these things we know not, it will be good you produce y^{r}: testimony, we remember but M^{r}: Jordan & Abernethy lately conversant w^{th}: us, & one of those 2 : Englishmen, (if these you mean) is a Scotch man, but he will not confirme w^{t}: you say otherwise then he did yor: Story of y^{e}: Sloops : at Chatgam before Spoken to, indeed yo^{u}: cannot endure any Should Speak wel of us, for lately the Worp̃ : Matthias Vincent caused a poore English man in Cassumbazar to be beaten sorely because he said we had been civill to him in Dacca.

Yo^{r}: $\&c^{a}$: debaucheryes, when you particularize we will acquit ourSelves therof also.

And that Hervy declared himselfe a mortall or utter enemy to y^{e}: Cheife, wee Suppose you mistake 'tis the^{r}: Cheife declared himselfe a mortall enemy to Hervy.

Let who will say it we assure you wee are not utter Enemyes to any man Living, but much less mortall, God forbid we should have so little Christi [an] discretion or kindness for our Selves.

[*A few words lost*] seen heard, or feared from us, have any of us ever been tampering w^{th}: yor: Cook, or Dyett, or can you Suspect us for mixing yor: broth when at any time you tooke Physick,—Abuseing, & revileing him openly, & publickly in y^{e}: worst terms he could invent, the penalty of w^{ch}: $\&c^{a}$:

These are hot words onely, M^{r}: Hervy denyes al this, but if you can prove yor: wrong in word or deed, take Sattisfaction of him w^{th}out more adoe.

That M^{r}: Vincent has undeservedly, defamed, & Scandalized M^{r}: Hervy is notoriously known and to be proved, calling him base villaine, impious fellow, threatning to have his Ears, $\&c^{a}$;

Pray yor: Worp̃ : w^{t}: reason for al this? had M^{r}: Hervy ever for a little of his perticular, Sordid, base proffitt, wrought y^{e}: hon^{ble}: unspeakable damages, then he would owne himselfe base & villanous in y^{e}; Superlative Degree, had he ever oppressed the poor, wronged y^{e}: dead, or Orphans, practiced y^{e}: debauching of other men's Wives, or been incestuous w^{th}: his poore kins Woemen, then indeed he deserved to bee called impious, & looseing not onely his Ears, but Eyes too; weare they worth looseing but if M^{r}: Hervy has done any of these things, nor Said worse of the $Worp^{e}$: Matthias Vincent then in his Publick papers he has done but his to his hon^{d}: Masters, & therefore fears neither yor: base Language nor threats, nor does the 17th: Section of Xb^{r}: touch him or any of us.

There is now remaining y^{e}: 6th: Article, w^{ch}: concerns M^{r}: Hervy alone, who protests to you [*one line lost*] rayling at last, whilst y^{e}: hon^{ble}: $Comp^{a}$: conserns in dispute, wee remained Merchants, but what will the world Say of us for Spoyling paper $\&c^{a}$: w^{ch}: is none of our owne neither with Ruffians discourse, M^{r}: Hervy has so much Charity for y^{e}: Cheife of Hugly, that he heartily wishes for his own Sake he had forborn this 6th: Article, but least his Silence thereto Should be thought an owning y^{e}: guilt charged on him, he is forced tho much against his Inclination to proceed.

ARTICLE 6th:

That he the said Hervy most Shamefully keeps Whores in a house hard by y^{e}: Factory often Sending of them in, not privately but openly, and avowedly, as was asserted, by some English Men lately come from thence, some of w^{ch}: affirmed that they heard that y^{e}: said Hervy has among his house of whores one Mahometan Woeman, spared him by Coddabux Cawn, or Mirza Muddifer w^{ch}: if so, we doubt not not onely be the destruction of him, but also of $Comp^{as}$: affairs and estate that may be in his hands, when the thing may be ripe and come to be looked into.

ANSWER.

This article is the very quintesense of Malice, w^{t}: needed so many foul mouthed words, certainly your Worp̃ : might have told yor: tale in Smoother, modester and cleanlier language, but y^{t}: you love to express yor: meaning in Such things to the life, as the Poets of old did Storms $\&c^{a}$:

Again yor : Worp̃ : had brought in this, in the rear & said this, Eleaventhly and lastly, this Hervy is said by some to be incontinent, altho he be a [*a word or two lost*] neaver have wee heard indeed that he has ravished [*one line lost*] the common Sluts of y^e : Countrey, or frequented bad houses, nor does keepe woemen in the ffactory, yet some say that they have heard he has a Wench in a Corner, Some-times, nor can he carry it soe closely b[ut] that 'tis discoursed, now if this Wench Should be a ffringe 'tis not good, unless he intends to marry her, and then al's well again, but if a Gentue, worse, but if a Mahometan does [*sic*] dangerous, for tho wee have Sometimes Mohometan Girles among our Slaves, and that some English men have marryed Mahometan Woemen and no Notice taken thereof, yet the case of Hervy, if Mirza Mudufer or Coddabux Cawn, are in it is very dangerous and may become his owne destruction, (but that we don't matter) however in regard 'tis thus reported, it can let no wayes safe for him to be trusted wth : the hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Affairs, for it was never known that any Factor or Writer whatever did or was said to doe the like, but if any w[ere] but thought to bee intemperate towards Woemen, be it more or less they were alwayes dis-missed (and soe it ought to be) their Employments,—had yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : articuled thus, then I would have answered in this manner.

I beseech yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : not to give too much credit to reports, nor make these things matter of accusation, for Should I begin to write al is reported of yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : I should not have done these 12 : m^{os} : if you suspect my incontinence, yet rake not too deepe thereinto, so long as I am tender of my creditt, and doe nothing foule and Scandalous, remember what pranks yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : have played, first or last, and that yet you are all flesh and blood [*A few words lost.*]

If yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : will perticularly point out and direct me to mend my Life, and teach me from your owne Examples, to live Chastly, I will be exceeding gratefull & endeavour to be better, for I am very loth having walked cautiously hitherto, to be noted for a man Singularly effeminate, at last or after 10 years be dismissed the Comp^{as} : Service, for Suspicion of this Nature.

But now let us see how yor : Worsp^s : manner of wording the case has altered it.

That the said Hervy keeps whores &c^a :—how long has yor : Worp̃ : been an enemy to whoreing? surely it did not appear you where, when in the Factory of Ballasore, you debauched M^r : Hervy to the Sight of Severall Dulfree Wenchees, Stripped naked before you triumphing in that luscious Spectacle, and as a reward of that complaysaince drinking a Glass of Canary, wth : some Rupees in it, (if he mistakes not, 6) to the [*a word lost*] beloved of that Comp^a : or has your Worp̃ : bitter thoughts of whoreing, ever since you were last at the point of Sand?

— Shamelessly—made out by notable circumstances, Viz^t : in a house hard by the Factory, had it been a house hard by ye Factory it had been nothing but modest, for some of us in Hughly doe the same tho wee ever take care to have Specious pretences, therefore, as that the Wenchees be Nurses, or attended to our Wife, Children &c^a : or marryed to our Slave Boyes, and out of Charity kept to sweepe our Room make our Bed, boyle & get ready our Thea &c^a : [*a word a two lost*] Hervy did thus wee could have nothing [. . .]

Often sending for them in—if he sent for them but now and then, 'twere not so bad, but sending for them in, can never be so good or [as] our afore-said way at Hughly is, this keeping them in a house abroad, & Sending for them in is a open & awed way, & therefore not to be endured by civill & discreet men.

But mark how the matter is proved—as was asserted by some English men lately come thence, some of which affirmed that they heard &c^a :—that is to say yor : Worp̃ : &c^a : have heard some men say that they have heard other men Say, or yor : Worp : hath seen those that have seen the King,—this is a noteable proofe of the fact, and every whitt as good, as it is, that you are Sattisfyed of Such and Such things.

But now put the case tho some Englishmen should be no Englishmen, and that those Other men are not to be found, why then you are mistaken, and the matter's at an end.

—he the said Hervy has amongst his house of [whores wee'l] pay him of for his house, had he nott better have a bedmaker, or a Thea Boyler in the Factory, now let him Suffer and learne witt the next time.

One Mahometan Woeman Spared him by Coddabux Cawn or Mirza Muduffer, w^ch: if soe, is well and Wisely put in, it semes yor: Worp: wil not affirme it, certainly, and 'tis wel you don't, if you did an Cuddabux Cawn and Mirza Muduffer heard thereof, they would perhaps Speak w^th: yor: Worp: about it, for, for a Mahometan to give a Christian one of his Woemen is as Scandalous among them, as for an Englishman to Give his daughter to a Mahometan [is among] us.

Wee doubt may not onely bee the destruction of him,—Pray Yo^r: Worp: let me alone with my own destruction, had I a mind or went ways to destroy my Selfe, you would certainly be glad, and not disturb me, but by this it appears you doubt much w^t: you say yor: Selfe, and that I won't destroy my Selfe, I hope I shall not.

But also of the Comp^as: Affairs, and Estate that may be in his hands,—there comes the buisness out, Right or wrong, out of the Comp^as: Service w^th: this Hervy, for if wee don't: w^ch: way shall Dacca cloth pass for Malda.

When this thing may be ripe, and come to be looked into—This I suppose may have some obscene beastly meaning, & therefore 'tis better passed over.

But yor: Worp: is clearly out of the whole Story, and therefore with yor: Pardon, He helph [*sic*] you a little the Matter's this.

M^r: Hervy has a house or Cottage [in] the ffactory, for his Slaves, wherein he has [more] shame then those at Hugly, who take up so good Share of y^e: Factory, for a dirty Rable of black fellowes, Wenchees Children &c^a: that y^e: best [*a word lost*] of that great building looks more than dog Bitch yard, then what it should doe, and in house or Cottage the Slaves are there and [not] a man about 50: Years of Age, and his 4: [. . .] about 40: & his Mother ab^t: 70: not [. . .] Hervy [. . .] be whore [. . .] how yor: Worp^s: should come to know [it] to be soe, is strange, yet Since you Say they are so it's not to be doubted but what's that to M^r: Hervy will your Worp̃: engage for the honesty of any one of all your Multitude.

What noteable Englishmen were those that told yor: Worp: &c^a: al this, they made excellent Observation, for the 2^d: & 3^d: hereafter divers years cannot affirme the Like, Viz^t: that M^r: Hervy has a house of Whores, sends for them in often, not privately but openly & avowedly, but on the contrary to doe [advise] yor: Worp: &c^a: & whosoever may read these papers, that our discourse is proffitable, our table moderate, our deportm^t: each to other civil, & oblidgeing, our hours regular, and our whole conversation, such as cannot be reproached by any Factory whatever that any of us have seen.

Thus we have done answering yor: Worp̃s: Charge: if yor: Worp̃: &c^a: shall thinck fitt to make remarks—thereon please to send them to us, and they also shall be answered.

But wee hope we may come to an agreement for al this, for wee have hatred or Malice to no man, w^t: wee have done, wee have done for the best, and hope it may prove according, Your Loving Freinds SAMLL HERVY—[JNO :] POWNSETT.

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